



the Desert Lifeline

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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
Fellowship Hall
45940 Portola Ave.
Palm Desert
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Palm Desert, CA 92261-3684

Hospitals & Institutions

2nd Wednesday of the month,
5:30 p.m.
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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

FOUR

Step Four

Made a searching and fearless
moral inventory of ourselves.

Tradition Four

Each group should be autonomous
except in matters affecting
other groups or A.A. as a whole.

Concept Four

At all responsible levels, we ought to maintain a
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voting representation in reasonable proportion to
the responsibility that each must discharge.

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Principle FOUR

Honesty - uprightness and fairness: truthfulness,
sincerity, or frankness; freedom from deceit or fraud.

February Office Statistics

Meeting Info	54
12 Step Calls	4
Visitors	25
Literature Sales	194
Al-Anon	1
Other 12 Step	4
Miscellaneous	59
Business	17
Zoom Attendance	141

Central Intergroup Office of the Desert Board of Directors

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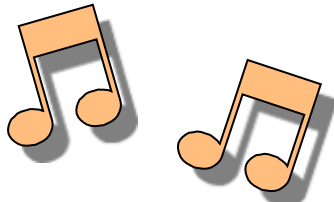
What does Central Office Do for Me???

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, 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

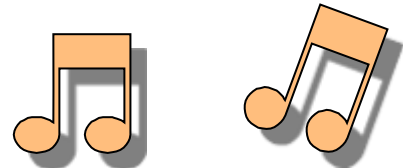
February 2022

Blake H.

6 yr.



Happy Birthday

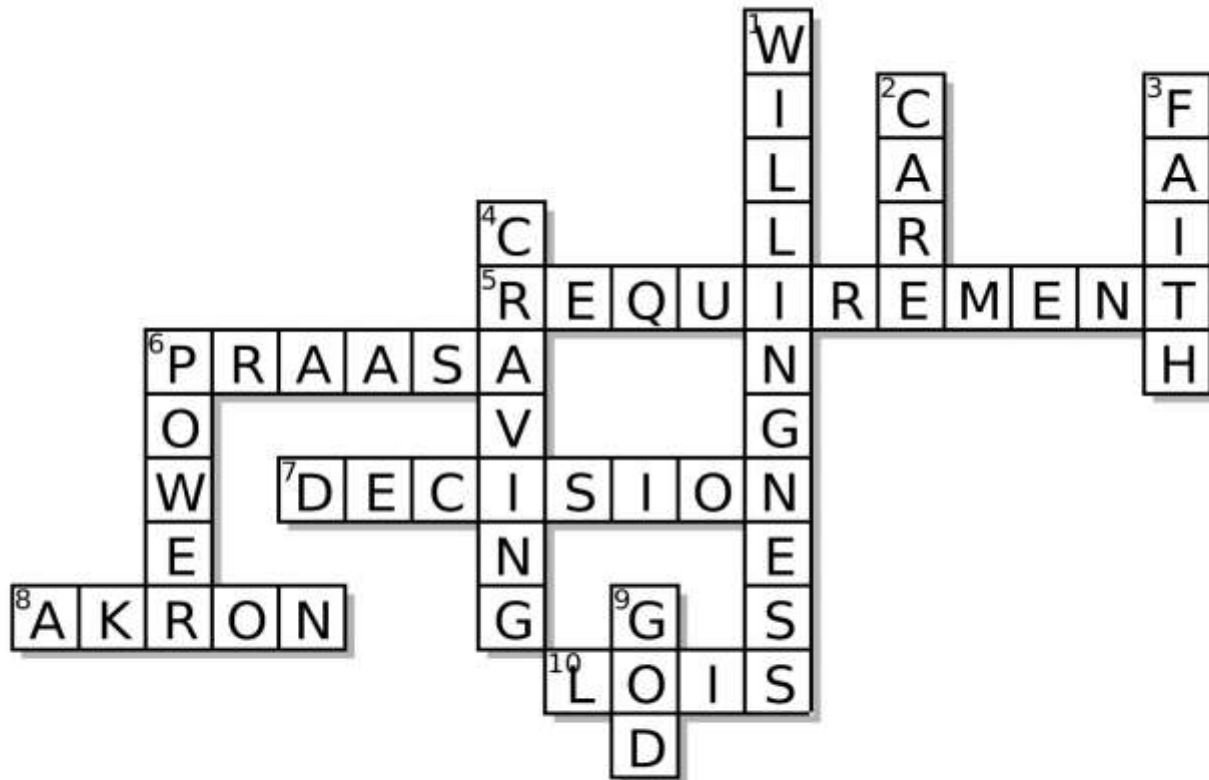


Richard J.

31 yr.

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

March Puzzle Solution



Tradition Four

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This tradition seems to me to say, “Have your meeting however you like- just remember the Golden Rule.” Each group, guided by group conscience, may have its own style or rules and determine the format and substance of its meeting. What is read, what subjects will be shared on, who will share, who will lead, who will speak, length of meeting, break or no break- the options are endless. Even if a meeting be in operation that is clearly “all wrong”, it is the groups’ “right to be wrong”. How nice not having to worry if everything is being done exactly the right way. But any group must be mindful if it were to do something that would affect surrounding groups, those groups should be consulted. And any group or committee that plans to do something that would affect A.A. as a whole should consult the General Service Board. Our common welfare is of utmost importance, for it is by the success of the A.A. program that we can live free from alcohol and not die.

Toni T
Palm Desert

February Volunteers at Central Office

**Alyssa C.
Ali G.**

**Bob B.
Cindy H.
Doug H.**

Thank You !!

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**Amelia F.
Anna R.**

**Eileen C.
Greg C.
James L.**

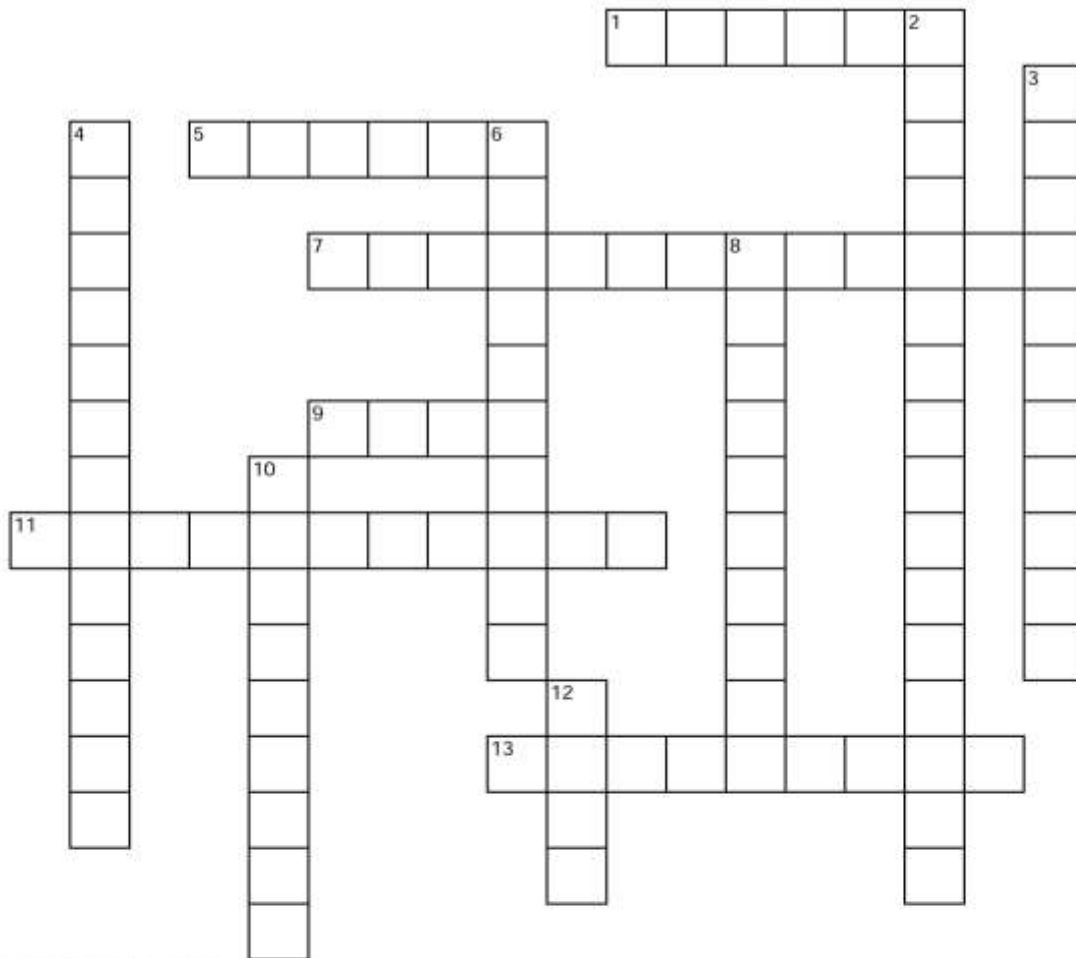
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Traditions Checklist

Tradition Four: Each group should be autonomous except in matters affecting other groups or AA as a whole.

1. Do I insist that there are only a few right ways of doing things in AA?
2. Does my group always consider the welfare of the rest of AA? Of nearby groups? Of Loners in Alaska? Of Internationalists miles from port? Of a group in Rome or El Salvador?
3. Do I put down other members' behavior when it is different from mine, or do I learn from it?
4. Do I always bear in mind that, to those outsiders who know I am in AA, I may to some extent represent our entire beloved Fellowship?
5. Am I willing to help a newcomer go to any lengths—his lengths, not mine—to stay sober?
6. Do I share my knowledge of AA tools with other members who may not have heard of them?



www.CrosswordWeaver.com

ACROSS

- 1 An annual AA Convention that takes place in the California desert in the summer
- 5 Desert Cities Young People of Alcoholics Anonymous (acronym)
- 7 Concept 4: At all responsible levels, we ought to maintain a traditional "Right of _____," allowing a voting representation in reasonable proportion to the responsibility that each must discharge.
- 9 Which state is the birthplace of Alcoholics Anonymous?
- 11 Prior to starting A.A. both co-founders were in contact with what fellowship? (2 words)
- 13 The International Conventions take place once every _____.

DOWN

- 2 Our society's great medical benefactor. (2 words)
- 3 June 10th 1935 (2 words)
- 4 Author of the famous Saturday Evening Post article that was published on March 30, 1941. It truly rocketed AA into the national consciousness. (2 words)
- 6 Each group should be _____ except in matters affecting other groups or A.A. as a whole.
- 8 Dr. Bob was a real doctor. What was his area of practice?
- 10 Bill W called this publication a "mirror of the fellowship."
- 12 In the chapter "More about Alcoholism", there is a story about a car salesman named Jim who went out looking for a prospect to sell a car. What did he pour his whisky into?

The Twelve Steps in Plain English

1. Alcohol will kill me.
2. There's a Power that wants me to live.
3. Do I want to live or die? (if you want to die, stop here).
4. Write about how I got where I am.
5. Tell another person all about me (let God listen).
6. Want to change.
7. Ask a power greater than me to help me change.
8. Write down who I've hurt.
9. Fix what I can without hurting anyone else.
10. Accept that I'm human and will screw up. Fix it immediately.
11. Ask a power greater than me to show me how to live.
12. Keep doing 1 through 11 and pass it on.

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Concept Four

I responsible levels, we ought to maintain a traditional "Right of Participation," allowing a voting representation in reasonable proportion to the responsibility that each must discharge.

"Participation" is the key element of this concept. And like most of our AA traditions, and concepts, concept 4, and the emphases on right of participation, came about through a series of growing pains that AA experienced in its' early stages. In the *12 Concepts for World Service*, Bill traces a time in AA's first few years when the leadership of trustees was more dictatorial, and he shares of the problems that came from AA running in this manner. As alcoholics we can only imagine the difficulties those taking orders must have had, and the frustrations and dejection felt from not having a forum for expression. Balance of authority, responsibility, and assets were completely out of whack and as AA continued to grow, Bill and Dr Bob saw that this was no effective or harmonious way under which to operate. Concept 4 was created with the intent that we all maintain a right to participate. This includes not only members of the fellowship, but non alcoholic staff members and trustees as well.

Having participated on committees and sat in numerous business meetings, it becomes easy to lose patience when we discuss what feels like a menial issue or even a small change in the script of a meeting. But it's important for me to remember that this time investment is minor when compared to the harmony and balance that is created when we allow an equal participation and a forum where all member's of AA can raise their concerns and have a say in what goes on. Before I got into the rooms of AA I suffered from not feeling a part of, as many of us all do, and it is hugely comforting to know that I am invited to participate and belong. This concept encourages the spiritual principle of "brotherly partnership", and that we are all equal members with a voice to be heard and a vote to be counted.

Evelina R

Desert Cities Young People in Alcoholics Anonymous (DCYPAA), Rancho Mirage

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Southern California Hospitals and Institutions
Intergroup Committee is proud to announce
our 2022 Conference:

RETURN TO RECOVERY



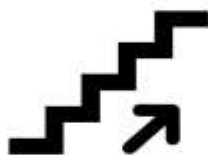
Hiking trails, lake activities, outdoor meals, Al-Anon,
English and Spanish, Young People's dance May 28th



MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND
MAY 27-29TH



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Step Four

Made a searching and fearless moral inventory of ourselves

All of AA's steps are meant to be worked over and over, because the benefit of using them is of daily use. Step four comes up all the time. □ Because the primary impediment to my sobriety is my number one problem: Me!

And as my biggest problem, I sometimes need a new pair of glasses. Because the cloudy lenses of my alcoholism will read the above step and miss a few words. Searching and fearless, or did it say superficial and fearful? Even worse, I might see words that aren't even there, such as: Made a searching, fearless, perfect and exhaustive inventory....."

After several repetitions, Step Four eventually empowered me to live a life of purpose. By uncovering the exact nature of my wrongs, I can tell when I am slipping back into my old ways of acting and thinking. And I find out now; before these behaviors and attitudes lead me to create new problems or worse, relapse.

But these benefits came at the cost of (dare I say it?) telling my secrets to another. For no accurate accounting of my personal inventory can be made if I am the only one considering them. There is too much opportunity for minimizing, rationalization and denial. I needed a sponsor. And guess what? The things I was most fearful about, scared to admit, denied were even there or didn't know about were much ado about nothing. My sins are quite pedestrian compared to my fellows, which leads me to the realization that I AM IN THE RIGHT PLACE!

Rob L.
Serenity Group, Cinemas Palme D'Or, Palm Desert

I heard someone share in a meeting recently that "God won't give me anything I can't handle." My first sponsor once told me that statement is inaccurate. She said that it's not that 'God won't give you anything you can't handle', it's that "Life won't give me anything GOD can't handle."

Maintaining my spiritual condition is like building a spiritual bank account, upon which I can draw.

The problem I've found is I never get a statement from "the bank" so I have to be careful to keep making deposits, or some dark day I will find myself overdrawn.

When I was new, things were a lot different. For one thing, EVERYBODY smoked and there was NO decaf coffee!

If you work the steps, you can't stop the promises!

Sponsor to Sponsee: "So, how many times have you tried to pray yourself out of a situation that you have behaved yourself into?"

At the Expense of Others

"I'm an alcoholic--and a drug addict."

"I have to say this--for me."

"I know this is a meeting of Alcoholics Anonymous but. . ."

I used to think I *had* to share about my drug use. After all, AA teaches us to be rigorously honest, doesn't it? And as a younger person in AA, I was different than a lot of the older, "pure" alcoholics, wasn't I? Nobody is going to tell me what to say. Nobody did, either. (A couple of old-timers took me aside after the meetings to talk about this, but I dismissed them.)

One night, I was talking in the parking lot after a meeting of my home group. As the people cleared out, I realized there were just two of us left--myself and a newcomer. He was in his sixties. We got to talking and he actually seemed to be listening to me! I really felt amazed that a man old enough to be my grandfather would listen to me about anything, and especially about AA.

The meeting that night had been on Step One and many people, including me, recalled their use of drugs (some in great detail). This man and I began to talk about the meeting and then he dropped a bombshell on me. He didn't think he qualified to be an alcoholic because he hadn't used any drugs! Here was a man who drank for more years than I have been alive (most of them, by his account, alcoholically), yet he didn't feel like he belonged in AA. And we were supposedly talking about alcoholism!

Well, I sputtered and stammered for a while and I finally convinced him that the only requirement for membership was a desire to stop drinking and that there were no requirements for drug use involved. Thank God he is still sober.

Later that night, I really began to question myself and the message I was carrying. Sure, it was important that I qualified and identified myself, but were the details worth it at the possible expense of others? I realized I should stick to alcohol and alcoholism in order to keep the door wide open, not make it more narrow. If even one person gets the wrong idea and feels they don't belong, that is one too many. Besides, I had been sober for a while and I knew what I was.

I guess I started to think just a little more about other people than I did about myself. So that's why some groups are so concerned about AA's singleness of purpose--some groups in my area even read a statement of singleness of purpose before their meetings. It isn't just to be tedious and nitpicky and to "bust chops," especially the chops of young people. It is so all alcoholics can feel that they belong once they get to AA.

J. H., Dover, Pennsylvania

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Book of the month

\$9.60

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A Virtual History of AA

Normally \$12.00—This month \$9.60

Originally developed as the souvenir book for the 2020 International Convention, this highly illustrated tour through A.A.'s history is told in hundreds of iconic images never before published in one volume. Illuminating descriptions walk us through powerful moments in A.A.'s history — from the people, places and things integral to A.A.'s early growth, and forward to today's vibrant, international Fellowship. Includes a special focus on Detroit in A.A.'s history and updated coverage of recent innovations in A.A. group life.

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Founders' Day Herald

87th Anniversary of Alcoholics Anonymous

June 10, 11, & 12, 2022 | Akron, Ohio | Birthplace of A.A.

FRIDAY ACTIVITIES

A.A. 12 Step Panel • 10:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.

Discussion of One Step Per Hour
Chaired by: Woody W.

A.A. Early Bird Meeting* • 3:00 p.m.

Sandra S. - Cleveland, OH
"She Faced a Hostile Universe Alone
Until A.A. Found Her"
Chaired by: Jerry C.

Actors Guild Play • 5:00 p.m. & 8:00 p.m.

"Love and Tolerance"

A.A. Speaker Meeting* • 7:00 p.m.

Christina G. - Brecksville, OH
"Watch Well, Your Beginnings -
The Results Will Reveal Themselves"
Chaired by: Mary K.

A.A. Speaker Meeting* • 9:00 p.m.

Michael D. - Sioux Falls, SD
"We Work On Broken Souls in A.A., God
Can Fix A Broken Soul"
Chaired by: Scott T.

Junta en Español • 9:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.

Open Discussion
Chaired by: The Painesville Group

A.A. Alkathon • 11:30 p.m. - 2:00 a.m.

SATURDAY ACTIVITIES

Bus Tours of Historic A.A. Sites

9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
2 buses continuously - Bierce Circle

A.A. Archives

Located in Akron Intergroup Office
(Stop on bus tour)

The 12 Traditions • 9:00 a.m.

Debbie D. - Concord, CA
"Practicing Them in All My Affairs"
Chaired by: Aaron K.

A.A. Old Timers' Panel* • 10:30 a.m.

Topic: "Acceptance Is The Key"
Bob C. - Cleveland, OH
Chris H. - Parma, OH
Joe L. - Edmond, OK
Chaired by: Aaron K.

Reunión en Español • 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

El Coordinador: Raymundo L. and
Alegria de Vivir Group

A.A. & Al-Anon Speaker Meeting* • 12:00 p.m.

Speakers - Mike & Diane A.
"Family Disease, Family Miracles"
E.J. Thomas Hall
Chaired by: Tracy C.

Actors Guild Play • 12:00 p.m. & 2:30 p.m.

"Love and Tolerance"

A.A. Speaker Meeting* • 2:00 p.m.

Dick D. - Hamilton, Ontario, CA
"Ain't It Great To Be Sober"
Chaired by: Woody W.

The History of Our Big Book • 4:00 p.m.

Presented by: Gail L. - The Villages, FL
Chaired by: Jerry C.

A.A. Speaker Meeting* • 8:00 p.m.

Jay A. - Scarborough, Ontario, CA
"Optimistic"
UA Infocision-Stadium**
Chaired by: Matt H.

****Stadium Weather Contingency Plan
for Saturday Night - See Web Site**

DANCE! DANCE! DANCE!

10:00 p.m. - 1:00 a.m.
Saturday Night

SUNDAY ACTIVITIES

MOTORCADE TO DR. BOB'S GRAVE*

7:30 a.m.
Motorcycle procession and graveside
memorial tribute to Dr. Bob & Anne S.
Speaker: Dolly A
Chaired by: Mary K.

A.A. Spiritual Panel Meeting • 9:00 a.m.

Topic: "When All Other Measures Fail,
Working With Another Alcoholic Just Might
Save The Day"
Rose L. - Cleveland, OH
Laura D. - Cleveland, OH
Melissa P. - Cleveland, OH
Chaired by: Juanita W.

A.A. Closing Speaker Meeting* 10:30 a.m.

Kenny D. - Seattle, WA
"His Story, The Spiritual Awakening"
Chaired by: Michael B.

AL-ANON

FRIDAY ACTIVITIES

Al-Anon Panel • 1:00 p.m.

Topic: "Double Winners/Doubly Blessed"
Maura D. - N. Attleboro, MA
Cary C. - Akron, OH
Patty M. - Concord, NC
Olin Hall
Chaired by: Marie E.

AL-ANON

SATURDAY ACTIVITIES

Alateen Panel • 10:30 a.m.

"Alateens Share Their Experience, Strength and Hope"
Olin Hall
Chaired by: Sara M.

A.A. & Al-Anon Speaker Meeting* • 12:00 p.m.

Speakers - Mike & Diane A.
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REGISTRATION

UA STUDENT UNION

CREDIT CARDS ACCEPTED!

Friday 8:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.
Saturday 8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Registrations must be picked up by

6:00 p.m. Saturday - **NO EXCEPTIONS!**

Package Plans must be picked up at designated
dormitories. Check confirmation letter or e-mail.

Coffee & Fellowship Room

Student Union

A.A. Literature Sales

Friday 8:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Saturday 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

CREDIT CARDS ACCEPTED!

* A.S.L. INTERPRETER

**NO BASIC REGISTRATION REFUND.
\$30.00 FEE FOR ALL PACKAGE PLAN CANCELLATIONS!**

FOUNDERS' DAY IS A SERVICE OF THE AKRON AREA INTERGROUP COUNCIL OF A.A.

Name badges & ribbons must be worn for admittance to all meetings — NO EXCEPTIONS!



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Please treat each meeting at Founders' Day as your own home group.

ABSOLUTES

ALL STATE, LOCAL AND/OR UNIVERSITY OF AKRON COVID-19 PROTOCOLS THAT ARE IN EFFECT AT THE TIME OF THE EVENT WILL BE ENFORCED AND UPHELD ACCORDINGLY.

All pre-registration packets must be picked up by 6:00 p.m. Saturday. **NO EXCEPTIONS!**
Registration opens 8:00 a.m. Friday and Saturday. Picture I.D. is required.

2022 Name badges & ribbons must be worn ON CAMPUS and for admittance to all meetings.
NO EXCEPTIONS!

All rooms, buildings, and stadium at The University of Akron are non-smoking.
NO VAPOR/E CIGARETTES permitted in ANY building.

Handicapped parking will be strictly enforced.
University police will ticket and tow all unauthorized vehicles parking in handicap spaces.
Violators will incur a fine of \$250

No animals or campfires allowed in R.V. area.

NO ANIMALS ON CAMPUS, POLICE WILL ENFORCE.

NO hover boards, skateboards, or roller blades permitted on campus.

No motorcycles allowed on the grass.

No beach balls at any meeting.

The Sunday morning motorcade to Dr. Bob's grave site is a conference event and as such, you must be registered to participate.

Credit cards will now be accepted for both onsite registration and in the literature room.

SPECIAL NEEDS

All meetings are wheelchair accessible.

Please contact the Founders' Day Committee with any special needs by May 15, 2022.

ACCOMMODATIONS

No incoming calls accepted at dorms.

No entry to RV sites until 8:00 a.m. on Friday morning. A permit is required prior to set-up.

No camping tents allowed.

FOR THE SATURDAY NIGHT BIG MEETING, WE WILL ALL BE UNITED TOGETHER ON THE WEST SIDE ONLY IN THE UNIVERSITY OF AKRON INFOCISION STADIUM. STADIUM WEATHER CONTINGENCY PLAN - SEE WEB SITE. NO BEACH BALLS!
THIS IS AN OPEN AIR STADIUM SO PREPARE ACCORDINGLY.

**NO REFUNDS FOR BASIC REGISTRATION.
\$30.00 FEE FOR ALL PACKAGE PLAN CANCELLATIONS!**

FOUNDERS' DAY 2022

I found myself on every page

By Bill D.

My favorite meeting was at the Coachella Valley Rescue Mission. When I gave my usual pitch from the podium, one of the residents challenged me on my stating that Alcoholics are God's "special children". I was leading the meeting and had the luxury of taking a little extra time to explain what I meant. I said that not only are we special in God's eyes but we are the true chosen people.

I kid my Jewish wife that we, as alcoholics, were around long before the Jews and Gentiles. When Adam first bit into the forbidden fruit (an apple which became alcohol when fermented), he became the first alcoholic. Eve then became the first Alanon. They were expelled from the Garden of Eden. They had two sons, Cain and Abel (the first children of an alcoholic). Cain inherited his father's alcoholism and killed his brother with a rock when drunk. Perhaps Cain was jealous of his brother's sobriety. Eve understood that her family was neither crazy nor normal but rather that they were all suffering from alcoholism.

The newcomer looked totally bewildered until I told him "please calm down, I was only kidding and I meant no disrespect to anyone. My Jewish wife and I have gotten along for 46 years. I'm the Alcoholic and she is a "normie" and not alcoholic". I told the group that although my story is humorous, I believe that we as alcoholics have to find God and establish a lifelong relationship with that God. I asked the group "When was the last time you were around so-called normal people that talked lovingly about God?"

Sobriety is all about making sure our relationship with our higher power is right. Great things will come to pass for us and countless others if we do. I told them that I remember my mother telling me that God watches over little kids and drunks. That is what I mean when I say that we are special. I can tell you that my higher power has lovingly looked after me for 74 years and has never let me get into any trouble he couldn't handle.

He was there with me in the jungles of Viet Nam. He got me through 3 years in the Marine Corps in spite of my heavy drinking. I got promoted and received a special commendation due to Him. There is an old expression that "There are no Atheists in Foxholes". It is true. I survived 18 years of hard drinking, 4 drunk-driving charges, and countless crashes. I got sober at 36, got a good wife, baby, and a business. Today, thanks to God, I have a wonderful home, pension, two successful sons, three grandchildren and am at peace with the little Jewish girl I married 46 years ago. I take no credit for any of it. The good life was freely given to me by a Higher Power whom I don't presume to understand.

I can tell you that at age 36 I was in a recovery unit at the VA Hospital in Los Angeles. I was given the big blue book of AA. I read it and found myself on every page. From that point on my life has been one miracle after another. The cravings for alcohol were gone. If you ask me if I would rather be normal, I would say "no". I would be short-changing myself because a normal person has but one life whereas an Alcoholic has two, one drunk and one sober. So, do I think Alcoholics are special?

You betcha!



A.A. DESERT POW WOW

WITH AL-ANON PARTICIPATION
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JUNE 09, 10, 11, 12, 2022
INDIAN WELLS, CALIFORNIA

COVID-19 COMPLIANCE DISCLAIMER DESERT POW WOW 2022

State of California requires that the Desert Pow Wow attendees 1) **Are fully vaccinated or** 2) **Have a recent negative Covid-19 test prior to arrival.** Proof of vaccination status/Covid-19 negative test will be verified upon arrival. Masks are currently required for indoor events. Please see Desert Pow Wow website for Covid-19 requirements updates.

ONLINE REGISTRATION OPEN January 15th through May 31st

TO REGISTER GO TO: www.desertpowwow.com

A \$4 convenience fee is charged for all credit card purchases.



TENTATIVE SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Registration Badges Required at all Meetings.

Thursday	Noon -7:30 pm	Registration/Badge Pickup
	8:00 pm	A.A. Speaker Meeting
	9:30 pm	Ice Cream Social
	9:30 pm	Sing-along/Karaoke
Friday	7:00 am	A.A. Participation Meeting
	7:00 am	Golf Tournament
	8:00 am - 8:00 pm	Registration/Badge Pickup
	9:00 am	A.A. Topic/Discussion Meeting
	1:00 pm	A.A. Topic/Discussion Meeting
	1:00 pm	Al-Anon Topic/Discussion Meeting
	2:30 pm	A.A. Topic/Speaker Meeting
	4:00 pm	A.A. Longtimers Meeting
	6:00 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
Saturday	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
Sunday	8:30 pm	A.A. Topic/Discussion Meeting
	9:00 pm	DJ Dance
	7:00 am	A.A. Participation Meeting
	8:15 am	Breakfast
	9:30 am	A.A. Closing Meeting

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<https://aws.passkey.com/go/2022powwow>

OR

CALL 1-800-446-9875

Room Rate \$154.00 + Tax + Resort Fee of \$3.00

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

reniwi.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 Pow Wow attendees beginning 2 days prior to and 2 days after event (June 7-14, 2022).
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 cancelled events after May 26th; tickets may be transferred or donated to a newcomer.
9. Registration fees are non-refundable, non-transferable.

GENERAL INFORMATION

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Kathy R. (760) 832-2275

ONLINE REGISTRATION OPEN January 15th through May 31st
TO REGISTER GO TO: www.desertpowwow.com
 A \$4 convenience fee is charged for all credit card purchases



COVID-19 COMPLIANCE DISCLAIMER DESERT POW WOW 2022

State of California requires that the Desert Pow Wow attendees 1) **Are fully vaccinated or**
 2) **Have a recent negative Covid-19 test prior to arrival.** Proof of vaccination status/Covid-19
 negative test will be verified upon arrival. Masks are currently required for indoor events. Please see
 Desert Pow Wow website for Covid-19 requirements updates.

CONVENTION REGISTRATION

Name _____
FIRST LAST
 Address _____
 City, State & Zip _____
 Telephone () _____
 Email _____
 Name Tag to Read _____
 Group or City _____
 AA ☐ Al-Anon ☐ Guest ☐

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	QTY	AMT	TOTAL
Registration	@	\$ 25.00	
Fri. Night Dance	@	\$ 5.00	
Sat. Al-Anon Luncheon	@	\$ 32.00	
Tables of 10	@	\$320.00	
Vegetarian Meals			
Sat. Night Banquet Meeting	@	\$ 48.00	
Tables of 10	@	\$480.00	
Vegetarian Meals			
Sat. Night Dance	@	\$ 5.00	
Sun. Breakfast/Meeting	@	\$ 25.00	
Tables of 10	@	\$250.00	
Friday Golf Tournament	@	\$ 85.00	
2 Mile Fun Run/Walk	@	\$ 20.00	
Ice Cream Social	@	\$ 5.00	

TOTAL ENCLOSED _____

Check No. _____

Cash _____

SPORTING EVENTS

GOLF TOURNAMENT ***DEADLINE: JUNE 2nd**
(Pre-Registration Required) **NO ON-SITE SIGN-UP**

Tournament - Friday at 7:00 am Shotgun Start
 Golf Course - Indian Wells Golf Resort

Sign Waiver at Check-in Table at Golf Course

Name _____
FIRST LAST

Email _____

Telephone () _____

Handicap Required _____

Paired With _____

Fees:

1 Day: **\$85**, 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 _____

Telephone () _____
FIRST LAST

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

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

**If not mailed before May 27th,
 plan to register at convention.**

No refunds or canceled events after 5/26

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Central Intergroup of the Desert

Statement of Activity

February 2022

PROFIT AND LOSS

-\$30

Net income for February

\$12,796

Income

\$12,826

Expenses

	TOTAL	
	FEB 2022	JUL 2021 - FEB 2022 (YTD)
Revenue		
Contributions - Groups & Individuals	5,860	60,275
Interest Income	16	49
Sales	6,920	62,056
Total Revenue	\$12,796	\$122,380
Cost of Goods Sold		
Cost of Goods Sold	4,275	41,691
POS Inventory Adjustment	(222)	(840)
Total Cost of Goods Sold	\$4,052	\$40,851
GROSS PROFIT	\$8,744	\$81,530
Expenditures		
Accounting Services	600	4,800
Computer Expense	443	3,273
Credit Card Fees	200	2,117
Insurance - Health	446	3,478
Insurance - Liability		1,083
Insurance - Worker's Comp		1,060
Newsletter Expense		598
Office Expense	680	6,671
Payroll Expenses	4,191	35,305
Plant Expenditures	37	37
Rent	1,520	12,162
State Filing Fees		50
Storage	181	1,445
Utilities	475	4,481
Total Expenditures	\$8,773	\$76,559
NET OPERATING REVENUE	\$ (30)	\$4,971
NET REVENUE	\$ (30)	\$4,971

Central Intergroup of the Desert

Budget vs. Actuals: FY 2021-2022 - FY22 P&L

July 2021 - February 2022

	TOTAL		
	ACTUAL	BUDGET	OVER BUDGET
Revenue			
Contributions - Groups & Individuals	60,275	57,526	2,749
Interest Income	49	56	(7)
Sales	62,056	48,807	13,249
Total Revenue	\$122,380	\$106,389	\$15,991
Cost of Goods Sold			
Cost of Goods Sold	41,691	30,145	11,546
POS Inventory Adjustment	(840)		(840)
Total Cost of Goods Sold	\$40,851	\$30,145	\$10,706
GROSS PROFIT	\$81,530	\$76,244	\$5,286
Expenditures			
Accounting Services	4,800	4,800	0
Computer Expense	3,273	3,016	257
Credit Card Fees	2,117	1,317	800
Insurance - Health	3,478	3,296	182
Insurance - Liability	1,083	1,686	(603)
Insurance - Worker's Comp	1,060	1,053	7
Newsletter Expense	598	200	398
Office Expense	6,671	6,000	671
Payroll Expenses	35,305	35,292	13
Plant Expenditures	37		37
Rent	12,162	12,160	2
State Filing Fees	50	60	(10)
Storage	1,445	1,424	21
Utilities	4,481	4,045	436
Total Expenditures	\$76,559	\$74,349	\$2,210
NET OPERATING REVENUE	\$4,971	\$1,895	\$3,076
NET REVENUE	\$4,971	\$1,895	\$3,076

Central Intergroup of the Desert

Contributions - Groups & Individuals

February 2022

	TOTAL	
	FEB 2022	JUL 2021 - FEB 2022 (YTD)
1 Perez Plaza Meeting Room		2,030.00
12 & 12 La Quinta Library Wed Noon	63.00	138.00
164 Group - WED - Palm Springs		398.40
3-7-11 Step Meeting #681237		129.00
3rd & 11th Step - SUN Palm Desert		203.00
5th Tradition Dinner Meet Desert Hot Springs		220.00
9am Staying Connected (Zoom)	508.88	3,135.42
Alano Club Palm Springs	444.00	2,028.00
All My Friends		54.00
An AA Big Book Group - Sunday - Desert Hot Springs		100.00
Anonymous No Group Given	769.60	10,986.34
As Bill Sees It -10AM-M Fel. Hall P.D.		254.39
Attitude Adjustment Rancho Mirage		25.00
Attitude Adjustment-M-F P.D. Santa Fe Square	137.00	918.65
Attitude Adjustment-M-S , Palm Desert PDCC		3,163.00
Birthday Contributions	60.00	586.18
Black Sheep Group		695.75
Cash & Check Deposit		104.76
CDM Men's Stag-TUE		449.00
Central Intergroup Cathedral City	24.00	150.00
Covert IHOP Mon. Mens Stag		348.11
Daily Reprieve-Daily Palm Desert	367.12	4,088.18
DCYPAA All Valley Young People's		50.00
Desert Men's Banquet		1,500.00
Desert Men's Big Book Stu Palm Desert		635.00
Dolls of Valley Palm Desert		100.00
Female Friends Yucca Valley		160.00
Good Morning to You Book Study		115.00
Great Events Yucca Valley		150.00
Group '48-MON- Palm Springs		90.00
Happy Hour Book Study Palm Desert		60.00
How It Works Palm Desert	49.00	49.00
IHOP Overflow Mon. Men's Stag		200.00
Jaywalkers Men's Stag Palm Desert	107.80	235.30
Just the Black Print Big Rancho Mirage		636.70
Living Sober Group-Joshua Tree	126.00	326.00
Living Sober Palm Springs 146975		400.15
Meditation Meeting 1000 Palms		172.00
Men's Mauraders Palm Desert		446.50
Mon. Women's Meeting Yucca Valley	120.00	120.00
Monday Night Traditions		87.00
New Freedom Palm Desert	100.00	100.00
No Matter What Group	65.00	287.00

Central Intergroup of the Desert

Contributions - Groups & Individuals

February 2022

	TOTAL	
	FEB 2022	JUL 2021 - FEB 2022 (YTD)
No Rules La Quinta		1,050.00
One Day At a Time Palm Desert	200.00	200.00
Open Discussion Joshua Tree		90.00
Over 50 12&12 Step Study		376.50
Oxy-Moron Group Palm Springs		102.00
Palm Desert 7 AM Attitude Adj. 122976		706.00
PAlm Desert Keep It Simple		116.00
Palm Desert Q & A - 10 AM		5,139.00
Palm Desert Saturday Speaker's	0.00	200.00
Perez Plaza Cathedral City Half Measures		104.67
Road Runners Bermuda Dunes	200.00	420.00
Rock Bottom-THUR Twentynine Palms		30.00
Rock Bottom-TUE Twentynine Palms		20.00
Round Table Serenity Group		300.00
Santa Rosa Big Book Thump Coachella	223.00	702.00
Santa Rosa Group Palm Desert	150.00	150.00
Serenity Seekers Palm Desert	120.00	120.00
Sisters Under the Skin Palm Springs		500.00
Smoking Jackelope Men Stag		200.00
Sober Divas	75.00	600.00
Solid Solutions- TUE		213.00
Spirituality in Recovery 258223		269.50
St. Paul's Tuesday Night Men's Stag	250.00	250.00
Step Sisters Palm Desert		176.50
Stepping Stones Palm Desert		137.00
Sun City Ole Time Big Book Study		201.00
Sunday ABC Group Palm Desert		100.00
Sunday in the Park	338.00	338.00
Sunday Serenity Group	32.54	265.44
Sunny Dunes 5th Tradition Group	868.00	6,318.55
Sunrise Celebrators Palm Desert	55.35	504.09
Sunset Group La Quinta Park		400.31
The First 164 Pages		382.00
The Original Men's Stag		161.00
Third Tradition Group Landers		100.00
Thurs. 7PM Attitude Adj.	243.00	388.00
Tuesday Zoomers Step Study		50.00
Twilight Step Study 126569 Palm Desert		71.50
We're Not Really Here		248.00
Wed Nite Women's Discussion Heritage Palms	100.00	500.00
Wednesday Night Serenity 600735		30.00
Women in the Solution 29 Palms		20.00
Women's Voices		1,505.50
Yerba Santa Round Table Top Discussion	59.10	389.95
Not Specified	5.00	5.00
TOTAL	\$5,860.39	\$60,275.34



Our Display Case has been re-positioned from the back wall to showcase

NEW INVENTORY ITEMS:

including **BOOK COVERS** and **JEWELRY!**

The samples of our “Fancy Medallions are on display also, as are our collection of historical publications of Big Books and local events. The new area was a collaboration of volunteers, Steven St. L. Rob S. & Cindy H. and our own Board member Samantha W. This gave us more floor space for in-person Intergroup gatherings and more comfortable shopping for you!