



the Desert Lifeline

February 2025

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

Mailing Address: P O Box 3684
Palm Desert, CA 92261-3684

Hospitals & Institutions

2nd Wednesday of the month,
Fellowship Hall 45940 Portola Ave.
Palm Desert 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
3rd Friday of the month, 6:00 PM
Yucca Valley Alano Club
57637 Yucca Trail
Yucca Valley, CA 92284
Mailing Address: P O Box 1692
Yucca Valley, CA 92286-1692

Step

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Principle TWO

Hope - The feeling that what is wanted can be had
or that events will turn out for the best; to believe,
desire, or trust.

December Office Statistics

Meeting Info	28
12 Step Calls	1
Visitors	32
Literature Sales	287
Al-Anon	
Other 12 Step	
Miscellaneous	
Business	
Zoom Attendance	

Central Intergroup Office of the Desert Board of Directors

**Chairman: Alyssa C.
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Alex K.**

**Office Manager: David M.
Desert Lifeline editing: Bill T.**

November Volunteers at Central Office

Amelia F.

Thank You !!

**Bill T.
Bob B.
Forrest P.**

**Jean K.
Jim B.
John B.
John C.
John R.**

Thank You !!

**Kiki T.
Kathy M.
Megan L.
Nikki J.**

**Pavithra S.
Rob H.
Shannan K.
Shay T.
Shelby C.
Shoshanna S.
Stephen St. L.**

December 2024

**Jim Z. 8 yr.
Anita 14 yr.
Kathy F. 26 yr.
Jerry 27 yr.
Loretta 30 yr.
Pricilla C. 37 yr.**



**Valya K. 37 yr.
Loren A. 38 yr.
Paulette Q. 47 yr.
Char A. 42 yr.
Madeleine R. 52 yr.**



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

Step Two

Came to believe that a Power greater than ourselves could restore us to sanity.

I had concrete proof of my insanity: A "psychotic break" and five trips in and out of the psych ward were proof that something was wrong, really wrong! This began when I was 27, and I thought—at the time—it was brought on by the lifelong effects of being abused as a small child. In fact, it was the disease of alcoholism. I came to believe that after coming to the rooms, doing all the Steps and getting relief from this disease. Enough self-examination led me to understand what had really taken place over the years. While I drinking and experiencing all the other turmoil that went with the madness, I would feel the walls of life beginning to close in on me. I would put the plug in the jug and promptly stop drinking. What would ensue in the following weeks would be madness—literally madness. A feeling of absolute terror would come over me; at some points I was terrified to move and could not put clothes on to leave the house. I was simply immobilized, like a zombie ... not able to sleep or eat or cloth myself, it would only take a few days before a trip to a doctor was necessary. For years I assumed I had what the doctors thought I had, that I was nuts!!! The cause was found in 2002 when I realized that the consumption of alcohol might be part of the problem. Thank God for the revelations that led me to these rooms, to the Steps that help me understand my disease and myself and to the God that could and would restore this alcoholic to sanity. I live a purposeful life today. No trips to psychiatrists or psych wards ever again, no medications necessary. Lots of meeting and lots of Steps and lots of service. That is my prescription! I prayed a lot to a god I did not understand to have the monkey of alcoholism lifted off my back . I came to understand and believe that if I sought the help of God in and out of the rooms of AA, I would be understood by my fellows and aided in a way that I never knew possible. Being able to believe in something outside of myself that is good and has only love for me was the medicine this alcoholic needed. The world is no longer a terrifying place for me. Forever grateful for my life and Step Two.

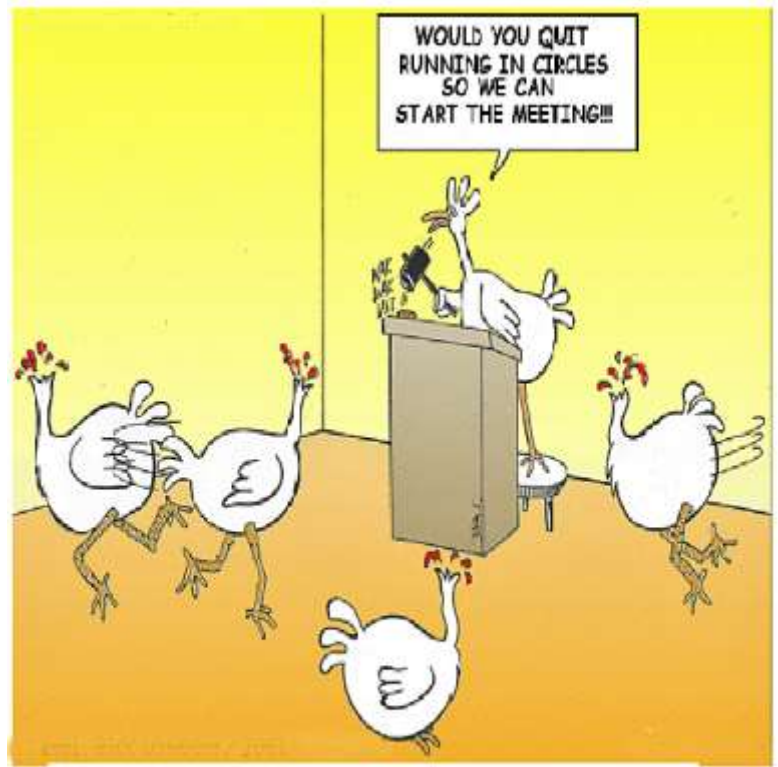
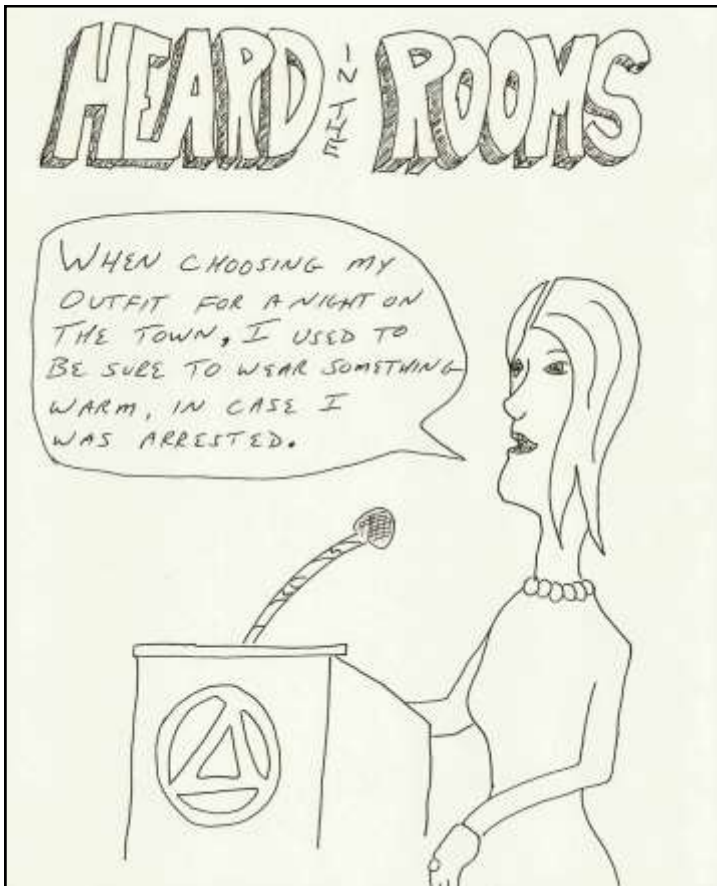
Omie B
Beginners Meeting, Fellowship Hall, Palm Desert

Tradition Two

For our group purpose there is but one ultimate authority - a loving God as He may express Himself in our group conscience. Our leaders are but trusted servants; they do not govern.

People not familiar with how Alcoholics Anonymous functions are often baffled to learn that we do not have members of authority or members designated to police our behaviors and/or proceedings. Within the scope of service, the group conscience or majority vote elects group representatives, board members and the like for the purpose of establishing and maintaining AA meetings and service committees. The members elected to hold such positions are taught to adhere to spiritual principles and to our AA traditions and help to ensure that AA continues to carry the message of recovery. We do answer to one person or group in terms of authority or government. As AA members, we look to our long-timers for their experience and ask for guidance if we are unsure of how to proceed or if we find ourselves in a quandary. Steering committees, board meetings and business meetings are held to resolve arising issues, to elect new members to positions of service or to change existing methods of conducting a group. Discussion then ensues, motions are made and seconded, then elections are held and/or the passing of a motion takes place. This process, as the group conscience dictates, also diffuses any one overzealous member's tendency to attempt to control the group. The group conscience must continue to be the only way we function lest we become overconfident and self-important and therefore forget to place our faith in a Higher Power who is the ultimate authority.

Caroline D
As Bill Sees It, Fellowship Hall, Palm Desert



At The Monday Night Meeting Of Chickens With Their Heads Cut Off Anonymous Meeting



February Speaker Meetings

Alano Club of the Desert -

463 W Dominguez Rd

Palm Springs

Saturday Night, 7:00 p.m.

- 02/01 Noreen - Palm Desert
- 02/08 Cheryl H. - Palm Desert
- 02/15 Jonnie B. - Palm Springs
- 02/22 Larry B. - Thousand Palms

Sobriety Capital of the World

44359 Palm St. - Indio

Friday Night, 8 p.m.

- 2/07 Anya H. - San Pedro
- 2/14 Travis G. - Palm Springs
- 2/21 Kelly H. - Upland
- 2/28 Danny L. - Fullerton

Palm Desert Group -

Fellowship Hall,

Palm Desert

Saturday Night, 8:30 p.m.

- 02/01 Arnold M. - Palm Desert
- 02/08 Toby A. - Palm Desert
- 02/15 Priscilla C. - Palm Desert
- 02/22 Andrew C. - Marina Del Rey

Concept Two

The General Service Conference of A.A. has become, for nearly every practical purpose, the active voice and the effective conscience of our whole society in its world affairs.

In 1955, when the AA groups confirmed the permanent charter for their General Service Conference, they thereby delegated to the Conference complete authority for the active maintenance of our World Services. In this way, they made the Conference – excepting for any change in the Twelve Traditions or in Article 12 of the Conference Charter – the actual voice and the effective conscience for our whole society.

Essentially, Dr. Bob and Bill—through a series of decisions and turning over one or more responsibilities at a time—established the Trustees as the governing body that is reportable to the AA groups at the General Service Conference of AA. “This group of trustees has become the active voice and the effective conscience of our whole society in its world affairs.”

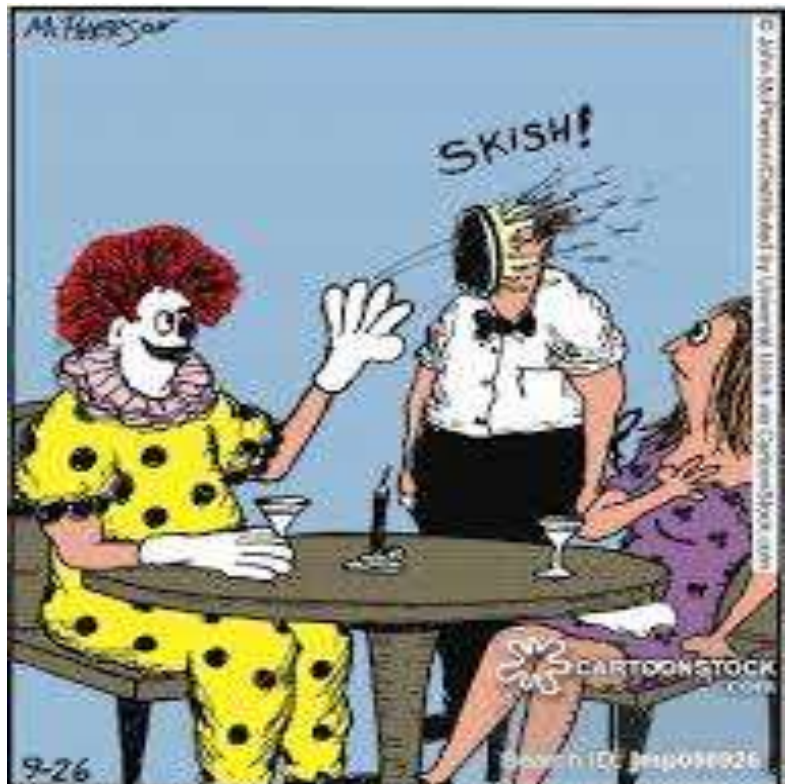
In the publication 'The Twelve Concepts for World Service,' they say "the groups have to delegate their leadership role in a General Service Conference. They do this by electing a General Service Representative for each group. These GSRs meet regularly in area assemblies, and every two years, they elect a delegate from among their number. Every April, the delegates from the 91 areas in the U.S. and Canada meet for six days with the trustees of the General Service Board, the staffs of the General Service Office, the AA Grapevine and certain other service workers. Thus, this General Service Conference of AA is "the actual voice and effective conscience of our whole Society in its world affairs."

Kathy G
3rd and 11th step meeting, Palm Desert

HEARD IN THE ROOMS

I knew I needed to do something about my drinking, so I decided to drink ONLY when I was awake!

PROBLEM WAS....
I began STAYING AWAKE FOR DAYS AT A TIME...



Although she wrote in her online dating profile that she wanted a guy with a sense of humor, this was not what Mindy had envisioned.

Being Honest with Myself The Denial Within Me Was Gone

By Rick R.

Years before I came to AA, I was aware that there was something dreadfully wrong with me but not one person ever suggested that I might be an alcoholic or that I should try AA. Perhaps that was due to the denial of the people around me that drank like I did. Suggesting that I had a problem with alcohol would mean outing themselves and others. Looking back on it now, I feel fortunate that I survived those last few years of failed attempts at life and when I ran out of options, I came to AA looking for answers. The denial within me was gone. My mind was open and for the first time in my life I was *desperate*, and I was *listening*. At my first AA meeting I was moved by what I heard. It was different than anything I had experienced before. The people were *being honest and candid about things that only brought shame and guilt to me in the past. I felt safe for the first time in my life* and could discuss those things openly, that had been taboo up until then. Prior to that, everything in my life was a façade. At that moment On October 15, 1969, my *perception* of the world had changed, and I have not wanted a drink since. Call it a *Spiritual Awakening* if you like, and it was for me, but it came in the form of a *Profound Change in Perception*. In appendices 2, in the Big Book, (Alcoholics Anonymous) it describes a man who had “*undergone a profound alteration in his reaction to life*”. I began to question all the decisions I had made in the past, and how the residue of those decisions had tarnished and eroded any chance of a successful, happy life. I became aware that the *values system* that I had learned as a child, at church and at the Boy Scout meetings etc. was lost in the dust and was *replaced with guilt and shame*. I was in trouble when I violated *my own value system*. I now realize that I was not a bad kid, but I was a child that was not strong enough to do the things I knew to be right. The more I broke the rules, the easier it became, and *moral standards were meaningless*. Soon drinking was the only thing that eased my conscience. When that quit working for me, I found myself at the door of AA. Once I had that *change of perception*, I knew what to do. It may be as simple as “trying to stop doing the things that I regret” but the key to it all is “*Being honest with myself,*” and never going back to my old way of thinking. I said that I was fortunate to have survived those last few years of drinking and that I came to AA looking for answers. Being desperate enough to ask for help was the most important part of that experience. I do not believe that anyone could have convinced me to stop drinking against my will. I may have stayed dry long enough to get the heat off, but I doubt that I would have *surrendered to the degree necessary to have that change of perception and therefore no spiritual awakening*. Getting off in the right direction from the start was especially important to any success I have had in AA. I know that I only live once, and *I do not want to waste one moment of the precious life God gave me*. Today, as I continue to practice all the things I have learned in the Program, it has resulted in a peace of mind that was unimaginable when I first walked through the doors of Alcoholics Anonymous and, for that, I am extremely grateful.

Book of the month

“Came to Believe”

Large Print

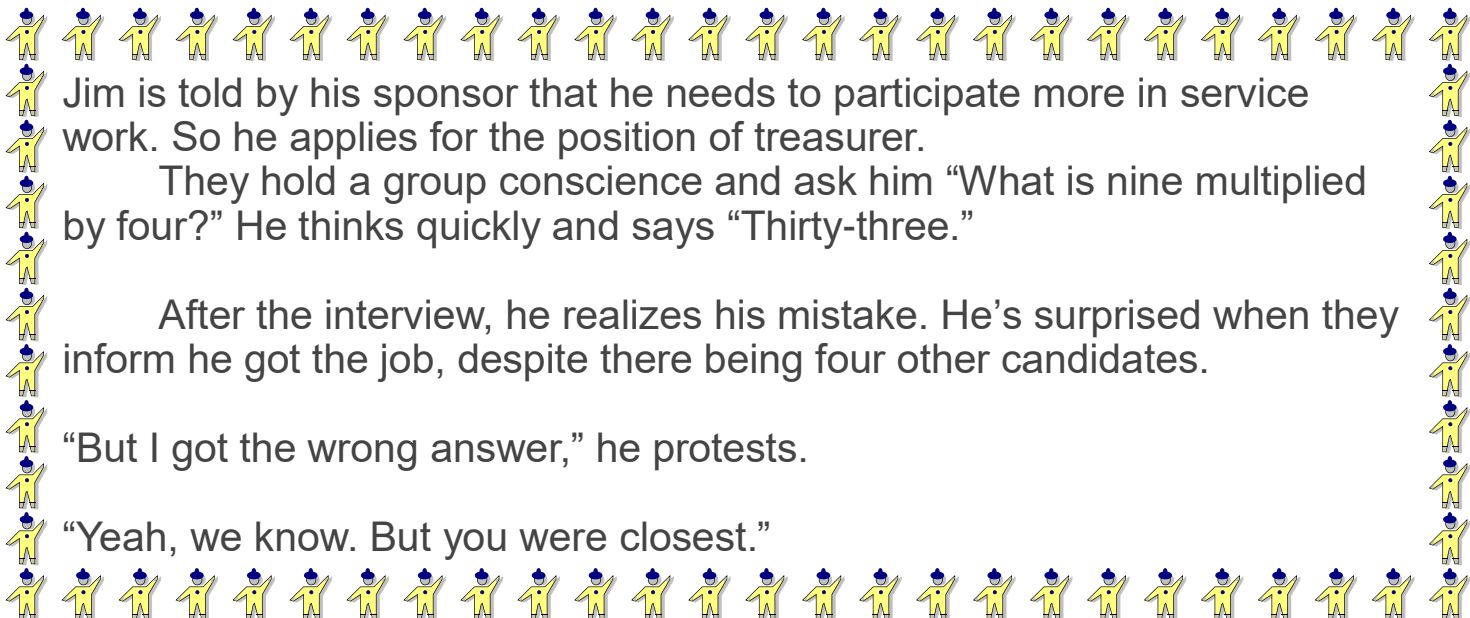
Over 75 A.A. members from around the world share about what the terms “spiritual awakening,” “Higher Power” and “God as we understood Him” mean to them. Offers a range of perspectives on what spirituality can look like in the context of Alcoholics Anonymous. Large-print format suitable for those with low vision.

General Service Conference-approved.
Softcover 8.5” x 11” 224 pages Large print

Normally \$6.00 - this month \$4.00

January Puzzle Solution





Jim is told by his sponsor that he needs to participate more in service work. So he applies for the position of treasurer.

They hold a group conscience and ask him "What is nine multiplied by four?" He thinks quickly and says "Thirty-three."

After the interview, he realizes his mistake. He's surprised when they inform he got the job, despite there being four other candidates.

"But I got the wrong answer," he protests.

"Yeah, we know. But you were closest."



*Came to
Believe
Group*

SPEAKER MEETING SATURDAYS AT 7 PM

Join us on Saturdays at 7 PM for experience, strength, and hope from members of the fellowship!

February Speaker Schedule



- 2/1: Noreen - Palm Desert
- 2/8: Cheryl H. - Palm Desert
- 2/15: Jonnie B. - Palm Springs
- 2/22: Larry B. - Thousand Palms



Mid-Southern California Area 09 of Alcoholics Anonymous®



AREA SERVICE COMMITTEE ("ASC") Hybrid Meeting - Hosted by District 19



DATE:

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2025

TIME:

9:00AM to 3:00PM
(Registration begins at 8:00am)

IN-PERSON:

Victor Valley College
(Community Center/Gym)
18422 Bear Valley Road, Victorville, CA 92395

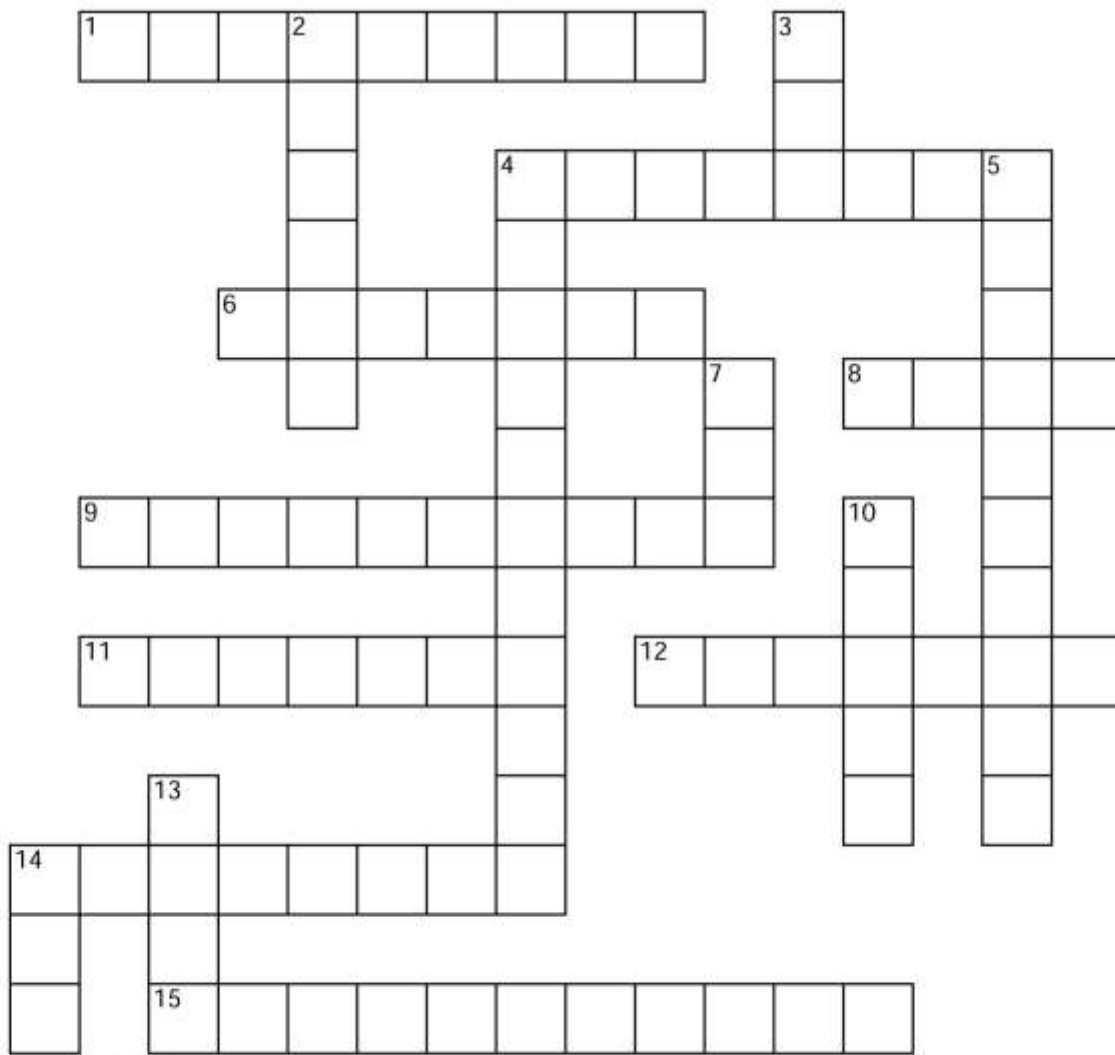
VIRTUAL:

Meeting ID: 896 6166 6203 // Passcode: P74service

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89661666203?pwd=WQAQbswqxDwlCmbiMI852nxafbUJBA.1>

Site is located a half mile south of Bear Valley Road on the left (west) side of Mojave Fish Hatchery Road.





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ACROSS

- 1 meeting in print
- 4 A _____ View of Alcoholics Anonymous
- 6 This month's principle
- 8 Akron
- 9 International Convention 2010 location
- 11 In the last AA survey, most alcoholics were this
- 12 Most common occupation amongst AA members
- 14 Circle and _____
- 15 AA received this in 1951 from the American Public Health Association

DOWN

- 2 June conference (2 words)
- 3 What Happened to _____
- 4 August conference (3 words)
- 5 the name of the April Central Office fundraiser (2 words)
- 7 In the last survey, most AAs attended an average of this many meetings per week
- 10 It Happened to _____
- 13 As _____ Sees It
- 14 36% of AA members are sober over _____ years

Like the Layers of an Onion

No One can be Turned Away

By Rick R.

The only requirement for AA membership is a desire to stop drinking. (Trad. Three 12&12) After many years of sobriety and practicing the AA principles to the best of my ability, I am amazed at what I see in the meetings that I attend. It was one of the most important developments in my later years of sobriety. Removing my judgmentalism of other people in AA, that have a desire to stop drinking. I have come to understand that tradition, but it did not happen immediately. I was overwhelmed with personal problems that eventually culminated into my surrender and came to AA searching for answers. I am so grateful that they did not turn me away because I had problems. The AA Program is so much deeper than I ever could have imagined when I first entered it. Over time, I recognize the depth of each issue that we face when we come clean with ourselves and with the world around us. It is sometimes likened to the layers of an onion. The surface skin begins to fall away quickly as we address the drinking part of our disease. Each layer is preparatory to the next. As we recognize and begin to discard the negative side of our thoughts and behaviors, we begin to understand that our thinking is where the problems lie, and our behaviors are the symptoms of that faulty thinking when our natural instincts far exceed their intended purpose. In my early days of sobriety my mentors suggested that if I plan to attend a certain number of meetings per week, one of them should be a step study meeting and I have followed that suggestion ever since. One of the benefits of that decision is that we study each step four times a year and each time I repeat a previous step I notice an improvement in my understanding of that step. In the presence of that group, I may hear 20 to 30 different perspectives on how to address my faulty thinking and all those viewpoints are stored in my mind as I peel away one more layer of the onion. I learned the value of living by unselfish principles and that simple understanding takes most of my decision-making out of my hands. Principles are not flexible, and I do not create my own principles. I do, however, have the ability to follow well-established ethics and even then, sometimes things may go wrong but my motives are of an unselfish nature, and I do my best. I learn to be prudent when it comes to my decisions. I learn to decide if it was my Ego or my Conscience making that choice and today my Conscience renders my Ego irrelevant for the most part. I have always known right from wrong but with my fears and insecurities I usually made the wrong, selfish decision and my conscience suffered. If I already know when I am doing the wrong thing, why am I praying to God when I already know the answer and still make the wrong choice? It is true that the only requirement for membership is a desire to stop drinking but in AA I found so much more. Within the safety of my AA group, I get to test these qualities out and establish a new perspective, unselfish in nature, as I peel away layer after layer and my load gets lighter and lighter. I no longer look at this process to be ponderous. I now see it as exciting and I want to continue to look deeper into my spiritual condition, living by the dictates of my conscience, and I hope this process never ends as I trudge that road of happy destiny.

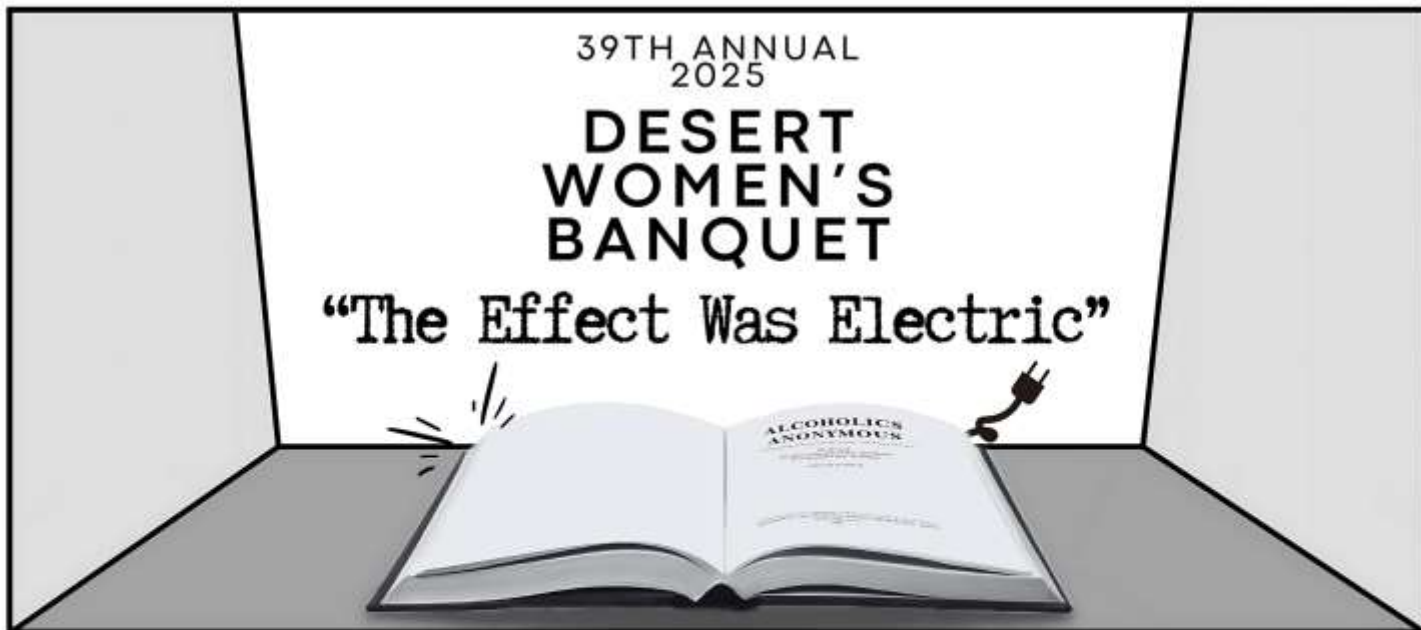
A drunk guy in Alaska decides to go ice fishing. So he packs up his stuff and goes out onto the ice.

He starts sawing a hole in the ice, and a loud booming voice says, "YOU WILL FIND NO FISH UNDER THAT ICE!"

The drunk looks up, ignores it, and continues on. The voice repeats, "YOU WILL FIND NO FISH UNDER THE ICE."

The drunk looks up and says, "God? Is this God trying to warn me?"

The voice says "NO, I'M THE MANAGER OF THIS ICE RINK."



4:00-5:00pm Registration/Reception
 5:00-7:00pm Three Course Dinner
 7:00-8:00pm Speaker + Raffle

\$60 per person

Registration Contact: Jordan N. (760) 218-3879
 Banquet Chair: Elise T. (310) 254-7187

SUNDAY THE 9TH OF MARCH, 2025
 Renaissance Esmeralda
 Resort + Spa
 Emerald Ballroom
 44-400 Indian Wells Ln., Indian Wells, CA





For event details & to register online visit www.DesertWomensBanquet.org
 Tickets will not be sold at the door.
 There is a maximum of 10 seats per table.
To sit together, registration forms & payments must be returned together.
 Please complete 1 registration per person.
 See reverse side for additional registrations.











Checks payable to: DESERT WOMEN'S BANQUET	Full Name:	Amount Enclosed	
	Name on Badge:	Dinner:	\$ 60.00
Mail to: PO BOX 4383 PALM DESERT, CA 92261	Mailing Address:	Donation: <input type="checkbox"/> \$	
	City:	Zip:	Total: \$
What Is Your Choice To Be? <i>Check A Meal Box Below</i>	Phone:	Email:	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Chicken	<input type="checkbox"/> Fish	<input type="checkbox"/> Vegan
	Table Head:	# In Party: (Up to 10/Table)	





Payments must be received no later than Friday, Feb 28th 2025 ←
 To donate a ticket(s) **OR** contribute toward a ticket:
 Please note the amount of your donation on registration form.
 These donation funds provide opportunities for "women in need" to attend. We appreciate your Service!

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FRIDAY

PAMPHLET STUDY

**A THREADS OF RECOVERY
WEEKLY STUDY OF OUR AA PAMPLETS**

Francine W. And Friends

Palm Desert, CA

**Zoom ID 826 9431 0797
Password 124145**

FRIDAYS

January 3-April 18, 2025

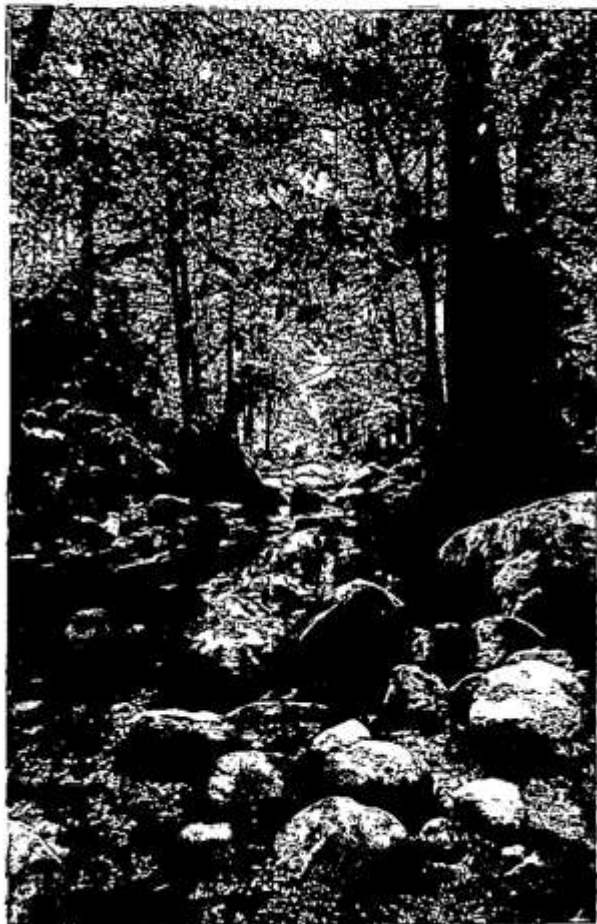
10:00 - 11:30 AM CST

4:00PM (UK); 11:00AM (EST); 8:00AM (PST)



IDYLLWILD ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS SPEAKER MEETING

Come hear a message of
Experience, Strength and Hope
in the beautiful
San Jacinto Mountains.



**Last Sunday of
Every Month
1:00pm**

St. Hughes Episcopal Church
25525 Tahquitz Drive
Idyllwild, CA 92549



A.A. DESERT ROUNDUP
 WITH AL-ANON PARTICIPATION
RENAISSANCE ESMERALDA RESORT & SPA



JUNE 5, 6, 7, 8, 2025
 INDIAN WELLS, CALIFORNIA

ONLINE REGISTRATION OPEN January 2nd through May 30th
 TO REGISTER GO TO: www.desertroundup.com
 A \$4 convenience fee is charged for all credit card purchases.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Sandy W. (760) 902-9087
 Kathy R. (760) 832-2275



**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	Golf Tournament
	7:00 am	A.A. Participation Meeting
	8:00 am - 8:00 pm	Registration/Badge Pickup
	9:00 am	A.A. Topic/Discussion Meeting
	10:30 am	Al-Anon Topic/Discussion Meeting
	12:30 pm	A.A. Topic/Discussion Meeting
	12:30 pm	Al-Anon Topic/Discussion Meeting
	1:45 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
Saturday	8:30 pm	A.A. Opening Meeting
	10:00 pm	Ice Cream Social
	10:00 pm	DJ Dance
	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
	9:00 am	Al-Anon Topic/Discussion Meeting
	10:00 am	Al-Anon Topic/Discussion 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	8:45 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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BOOK RESERVATIONS ONLINE
<https://book.passkey.com/go/desertroundup2025>
 or
CALL 1-800-446-9875
Room Rate \$165.00 + Tax + Resort Fee of \$6.00
 Note: 2 nights minimum/4 guests per room max
 Special rates available until room block is filled
 But no later than May 20th
 Pool facilities for registered guests only
PRE-BOOK VIP POOL CHAIRS/CABANAS
reniw.ipoolside.com
 44-400 Indian Wells Lane, Indian Wells, CA 92210
 Hotel direct line: (760) 773-4444

Important Convention/Hotel Policies:

1. Register for convention prior to making hotel reservations. Special rate is only available to Roundup attendees beginning 3 days prior to and 3 days after event (June 2nd-11th, 2025).
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.

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 THANK YOU for understanding.



ONLINE REGISTRATION OPEN January 2nd through May 30th
TO REGISTER GO TO: www.desertroundup.com
 A \$4 convenience fee is charged for all credit card purchases



CONVENTION REGISTRATION

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

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	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	_____	@ \$ 55.00	_____
Tables of 10	_____	@ \$550.00	_____
Vegetarian Meals	_____		_____
Sat. Night Dance	_____	@ \$ 5.00	_____
Sun. Breakfast/Meeting	_____	@ \$ 30.00	_____
Tables of 10	_____	@ \$300.00	_____
Friday Golf Tournament	_____	@ \$110.00	_____
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 - Celebrity Course
 Sign Waiver at Check-in Table at Golf Course

Name _____
FIRST LAST
 Email _____
 Telephone () _____
 Handicap Required _____
 Paired With _____

Fees:
 1 Day: **\$110**, 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

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.**

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Don't Eat the Seed

Plant the Seeds and Enjoy the Harvest

By Rick R.

Step two does not seem to get a lot of attention but comes from a way of life that was riddled with fear and insecurity; I wanted all the good things to be happening right now. In the beginning, I was drawn towards the members who talked about character building and living by principles but, as we all come to terms with the idea that wellness takes time, there are no shortcuts. When it comes to rejecting our old habits and replacing them with unselfish principles that have been around for centuries, these ideas were the seeds of my recovery in the program. I was reintroduced to these principles in the beginning of my AA journey and have been putting them to good use ever since and the results have turned out to be better than I ever could have expected. I believe that every person that surrenders to the AA program and attends meetings on a regular basis starts getting results immediately simply because he/she has stopped drinking and making many of the mistakes that are the result of their alcoholic behavior. Understanding the recovery process is more than just changing our behavior as the result of abstaining from alcohol but without that abstinence, the rest of the process cannot be accomplished. Most of our behavior is the direct result of our thinking, and as alcoholics we have done a terrible job of getting it right.

A life driven by fear and insecurity (thoughts) drove us to be takers (actions) just to try to get equal with the world around us but our faulty perception of that was never enough and this would go on forever had we not surrendered and accepted new ideas on how to correct our thinking. Being willing to take the risk and test the principles we learn in AA sets us on a path of revisiting all our motives for the decisions we have made in the past and put a principle in place to govern our behavior. In time, the newly discovered solutions simplify the decision-making process and relieve us of the responsibility to form our own principles or to modify existing principles. We often try to illustrate these concepts using analogies or comparisons. The way I try to describe the principle of unselfishness is as follows: I was talking to a young man in his early twenties about economics and the need to keep up with the Jones's. I suggested that he hold off on spending any money on things that he wanted unless those were things he absolutely needed; and that he get in the habit of spending less than he earned (NET) (a simple principle). I then suggested that he get ahead of the curve so that he always had money left over and put it into a savings account. Soon he could purchase a home. The equity in the home would grow and would increase and increase his net worth without any effort on his part, and that economic cushion would be the beginning of what leads to financial peace of mind. To simplify that process I said to him: *Don't eat the seeds, plant the seeds, and enjoy the harvest*. In A.A. we must look at the principles, as we understand them, and plant them in our minds today if we want to enjoy their results later down the road.

If, however, we postpone planting these spiritual seeds we will continue to be saddled with the insecurities that caused the need to drink in the first place. If we can get ahead of the curve and be persistent, and every time we find an unselfish principle that makes sense to us, plant that seed in our consciousness, the results will overcome our fears and insecurities, and we will sleep well when our head hits the pillow at night. The time it takes to achieve this peace of mind varies depending on how dedicated we practice these principles, but it will not begin until we plant the seed and then patiently prune the plants until they reach maturity.

The more seeds we plant, the bigger the harvest. As a friend of mine once said, "If you are praying for potatoes, you better grab a hoe".



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Statement of Activity

December 2024

PROFIT & LOSS

Net profit for December 2024

-\$4,735

↑ Up 77% from prior month

\$14,572

Income



\$19,306

Expenses



	TOTAL	
	DEC 2024	JUL - DEC, 2024 (YTD)
Revenue		
Contributions - Conventions		5,000
Contributions - Groups & Individuals	4,513	39,646
Gratitude Dinner		1,184
Interest Income	1	919
Sales	10,058	56,871
Total Revenue	\$14,572	\$103,620
Cost of Goods Sold		
Cost of Goods Sold	6,065	36,194
POS Inventory Adjustment	(221)	1,056
Total Cost of Goods Sold	\$5,844	\$37,250
GROSS PROFIT	\$8,728	\$66,370
Expenditures		
Accounting Services	1,500	5,500
Bank Charges	0	0
Computer Expense	571	3,092
Credit Card Fees	484	2,577
Insurance - Health		3,035
Insurance - Liability		1,585
Insurance - Worker's Comp		1,080
Newsletter Expense	167	1,234
Office Expense	1,663	9,893
Payroll Expenses	8,121	32,942
Plant Expenditures		1,902
Rent		8,306
State Filing Fees		75
Storage	538	1,614
Utilities	418	3,930
Total Expenditures	\$13,462	\$76,767
NET OPERATING REVENUE	\$ (4,735)	\$ (10,397)
NET REVENUE	\$ (4,735)	\$ (10,397)



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Budget vs. Actuals: Budget 2024-2025

July - December, 2024

		TOTAL	
	ACTUAL	BUDGET	OVER BUDGET
Revenue			
Contributions - Conventions	5,000	5,000	0
Contributions - Groups & Individuals	39,646	37,000	2,646
Gratitude Dinner	1,184	8,000	(6,816)
Interest Income	919	40	879
Sales	56,871	52,300	4,571
Total Revenue	\$103,620	\$102,340	\$1,280
Cost of Goods Sold			
Cost of Goods Sold	36,194	26,150	10,044
POS Inventory Adjustment	1,056		1,056
Total Cost of Goods Sold	\$37,250	\$26,150	\$11,100
GROSS PROFIT	\$66,370	\$76,190	\$ (9,820)
Expenditures			
Accounting Services	5,500	5,000	500
Bank Charges	0		0
Computer Expense	3,092	3,111	(19)
Credit Card Fees	2,577	1,412	1,165
Insurance - Health	3,035	3,646	(611)
Insurance - Liability	1,585	1,237	348
Insurance - Worker's Comp	1,080	1,079	1
Newsletter Expense	1,234	3,600	(2,366)
Office Expense	9,893	7,700	2,193
Outreach		600	(600)
Payroll Expenses	32,942	32,942	0
Plant Expenditures	1,902	466	1,436
Rent	8,306	9,966	(1,660)
State Filing Fees	75		75
Storage	1,614	1,716	(102)
Utilities	3,930	3,924	6
Total Expenditures	\$76,767	\$76,399	\$368
NET OPERATING REVENUE	\$ (10,397)	\$ (209)	\$ (10,188)
NET REVENUE	\$ (10,397)	\$ (209)	\$ (10,188)

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Contributions - Groups & Individuals

December 2024

	TOTAL	
	DEC 2024	JUL - DEC, 2024 (YTD)
12&12 Men's Stag Monday Night	301.00	866.00
3 7 11 Meeting - THU - Twentynine Palms		116.56
3rd 7th 11th Step Meeting		405.09
5th Tradition 7AM Attitude Adjustment Group #100		3,009.61
5th Tradition Dinner Meet Desert Hot Springs		100.00
630 AM PDCC Zoom		690.00
6AM Pierson - K I S F Desert Hot Springs	150.00	150.00
7PM Mens Online Thousand Palms		50.00
Aging Gracefully in Sobriety		61.51
Alano Club Palm Springs	100.00	600.00
Anonymous No Group Given	702.00	2,664.25
As Bill Sees It -10AM-M Fellowship Hall P.D.		150.00
As She Sees It La Quinta	156.00	296.00
Attitude Adjustment-M-S , Palm Desert PDCC		713.99
Big Book Study Wed nite J.T.	120.50	120.50
Birthday Contributions	52.00	216.00
Came to Believe Fri. F.H. P.D. Women's	142.50	142.50
CDM Men's Stag-TUE		400.00
Central Intergroup Cathedral City	39.00	124.00
Central Office Fundraising Event Gratitude Dinner		260.00
Daily Reflections 10AM Women's Zoom		114.00
Daily Reflections SUN La Quinta Library		223.00
Daily Reprieve-Daily Palm Desert	259.93	1,585.06
Desert Cities AA Group		951.00
Design for Living 101 Group		919.22
Dolls of Valley Palm Desert	125.55	396.79
Double Winners	26.00	264.40
Female Friends Yucca Valley		80.00
First Things First	26.90	278.59
Friday Noon La Quinta Library		528.00
Great Events Yucca Valley		210.00
Groovy Group	54.00	252.00
Group '48-MON- Palm Springs		62.92
Gut Level Participation Yucca Valley	42.50	42.50
Happy Hour Book Study Palm Desert		102.00
Happy Hour Group Sunny Dunes		1,463.00
Heritage Palms Wed Nite Women		195.00
Hi Desert Speakers Group 100783 Kelly Ames		415.00
How It Works Palm Desert		120.00
IHOP Overflow Wed. Men's Stag	150.00	150.00
Jaywalkers		90.00
JTBP Zoom Thurs Night		54.76
Just the Black Print		1,161.00

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Contributions - Groups & Individuals

December 2024

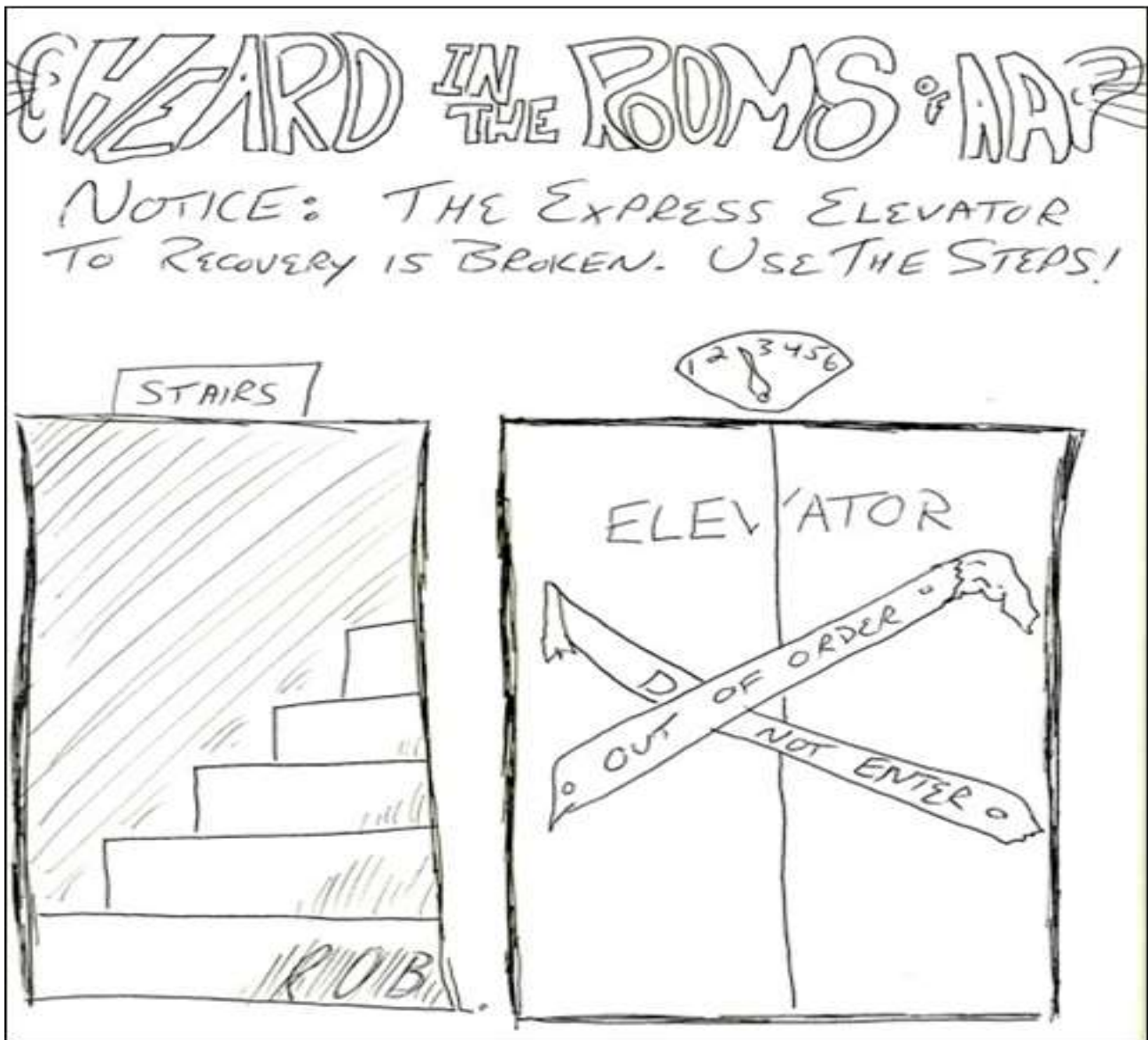
	TOTAL	
	DEC 2024	JUL - DEC, 2024 (YTD)
La Quinta Library Mon. Big Book Study	210.40	605.40
La Quinta Library Wed 12 & 12		354.00
Last Call Group 104		315.33
Living Sober Book Study 486898 Palm Desert		171.00
Living Sober Group-Joshua Tree		30.00
Men's Marauders	465.50	841.50
Men's Stag Book Study		181.00
Mid Day Group		1,485.33
Mon. Women's Meeting Yucca Valley	30.00	30.00
New Freedom Palm Desert		71.00
No Matter What Women's Group		138.36
No Rules La Quinta		1,010.00
Palm Desert 7 AM Attitude Adj.	248.00	1,049.00
Palm Desert, Step/Tradition Study		303.55
Palm Springs Attitude Adjustment Group Group		300.00
Playing With A Full Deck Palm Desert		258.16
Primary Purpose Blythe		500.00
Promises	24.00	24.00
Recovery after Relapse	100.00	200.00
Road Runners		200.00
Round Table Serenity Group		121.00
Rule 62 THU Noon100774		419.50
Saturday 12 & 12		87.00
Saturday Night Special		150.10
Serenity Group		185.00
Serenity Seekers Palm Desert		480.00
Serenity Sisters - Sunny Dunes		388.10
Shipwreck Men's Meeting	245.00	717.00
Singleness of Purpose		700.00
Smoking Jackelope Men Stag		100.00
Sober Divas	75.00	409.00
Sobriety Sisters Palm Desert		58.00
Solid Solutions 74457- TUE		78.00
Spirituality In Recovery		385.00
Stay Connected 9am (Zoom)		1,149.70
Step Sisters Palm Desert		1,145.66
Stepping Stones		93.50
Sun City Ole Time Big Book Study	155.25	297.00
Sunday in the Park	82.75	487.96
Sunday Serenity Group	114.00	702.00
Sunny Dunes 7am Attitude Adjustment Online Group		434.25
Sunrise Celebrators Palm Desert	83.54	463.88
TGIF Group 611390 Yucca Valley		55.00

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Contributions - Groups & Individuals

December 2024

	TOTAL	
	DEC 2024	JUL - DEC, 2024 (YTD)
The First 164 Pages		550.50
The Promises	30.00	170.00
There is a Solution		200.00
Thurs Nite 10th Step Group - 6949	68.63	68.63
Thursday Niters Group		180.00
Tuesday Night Men's Stag Book Study		325.00
Vets for Vets Palm Desert		50.00
Winners Meeting Palm Springs	133.38	133.38
TOTAL	\$4,513.33	\$39,646.04



MAAD DOG DAZE



2025 CONVENTION DATES

Friday, September 5th - Sunday, September 7th

51st Ninth District Committee Meetings
Dates are as follows, please join us for fun & fellowship!

Central Office @ 2pm OR Zoom

SUNDAY, JANUARY 26TH

SUNDAY, MARCH 23RD

SUNDAY, APRIL 27TH

SUNDAY, JULY 27TH

SUNDAY, AUGUST 24TH



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