



the Desert Lifeline

March 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
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Suite 107
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Hospitals & Institutions

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

Fellowship Hall 45940 Portola Ave.
Palm Desert

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Web site: www.msca09aa.org

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Contribution Mailing address

Post Office Box 2407

James A Farley Station

New York, NY 10116-2407

Web site: www.aa.org

DCYPAA

Every Sunday 6:00 P.M.

Fellowship Hall 45940 Portola Ave.

Palm Desert

Email: webmaster@dcypaa.com

General Service, District 30

3rd Sunday 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

Made a decision to turn our will
and our lives over to the care of
God *as we understood Him.*

Tradition

The only requirement for A.A.
membership is a desire to
stop drinking.

Concept

To insure effective leadership, we
should endow each element of
A.A. - the Conference, the General
Service Board and its service
corporations, staffs, committees,
and executives - with a traditional
"Right of Decision."

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Principle Three

Faith (surrender) - To trust enough to be able to
yield personal power & control of our thoughts and
actions over to a Power greater than ourselves.

January Office Statistics

Meeting Info	23
12 Step Calls	4
Visitors	31
Literature Sales	294
Al-Anon	0
Other 12 Step	0
Miscellaneous	36
Business	12
Zoom Attendance	34

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January 2025

Alyssa C.

7 yr.

**Happy
Birthday**

Norma U.

25 yr.

Dani M.

29 yr.

Mary M.

34 yr.

Ruthie B.

44 yr.

Faith R.

46 yr.



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

January Volunteers at Central Office

Amelia F.

Thank You !!

Bill T.
Bob B.
Forrest P.

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

Thank You !!

Kathy M.
Larry B.
Megan L.

Pavithra S.
Shannan K.
Shoshanna S.
Stephen St. L.



**March
Speaker
Meetings**

Alano Club of the Desert -

463 W Dominguez Rd

Palm Springs

Saturday Night, 7:00 p.m.

- 03/01 West W. - Palm Springs
- 03/08 Kathryn E. - Palm Desert
- 03/15 Scott P. - Bermuda Dunes
- 03/22 Ronda M. - Palm Desert
- 03/29 Vj - Indio

**ABC Recovery Center
Sobriety Capital of the World
44359 Palm St. Indio**

Friday Night, 8 p.m.

- 3/07 - Nigel B. from Coachella Valley
- 3/14 - Thomas O. from Orange County
- 3/21 - Carol M. from Orange County
- 3/28 - Patt O. from Fullerton

Palm Desert Group -

Fellowship Hall,

45940 Portola Ave. Palm Desert

Saturday Night, 8:00 p.m.

- 3/01 - Patty H. - Palm Desert
- 3/08 - Moses H. - Thousand Palms
- 3/15 - Stevie M. - Los Angeles
- 3/22 - Kevin R. - Venice, CA
- 3/29 - Raul P. - Coachella

Concept Three

To insure effective leadership, we should endow each element of A.A. - the Conference, the General Service Board and its service corporations, staffs, committees, and executives - with a traditional Right of Decision."

For all levels of service from groups up to World Services, the authority and ability to make decisions in each position is found in Concept Three. We elect GSR's, Committee Members and Delegates whom we feel will make well-informed decisions on behalf of those they serve while upholding the Twelve Traditions which bind Alcoholics Anonymous together and adhering to the Twelve Concepts.

It HAS been my experience that this concept relates to Tradition Two. Within Tradition Two, we speak of trusted servants who do not govern. Not every decision must be taken back to the group each and every time an issue is voted on. Therefore, we elect those we think possess a decision-making ability sufficient to serve us effectively. We trust these leaders to decide how to handle group dealings and when to bring a matter back to the groups for discussion and resolution.

When I was in my first year of service, I became the GSR for two groups. Within the District I was of service, an issue of how to handle drug addicts sharing solely about their drug history in meetings was taken back to the group. One group I represented had no problem with it at all and in fact, did not discourage that type of sharing within their meetings. The other group that I represented as GSR held a strong belief in the Traditions and did not allow 'drug-a-log' sharing. I being an alcoholic who experimented very little with drugs and found them rather lacking then stuck merely to alcohol throughout my drinking career had my own view of how the issue should be handled. At the next GSR meeting I, being very new in service, did not realize that one cannot vote for two groups simultaneously and consequently my decision making abilities had been compromised due to the two groups I was representing having conflicted ideas on an issue while having my own view on the matter at hand. It was a lesson learned and a mistake I will not repeat.

Many Districts and groups have by-laws that they have established through a group conscience, though they cannot anticipate everything that will happen within their fellowship. Similarly, life cannot be dictated by an instruction manual. So we trust each other, a God of our understanding as He may express Himself in our group conscience and those we elect to represent us, meanwhile remembering that we are merely humans trying to have a spiritual experience while stumbling through this thing called life.

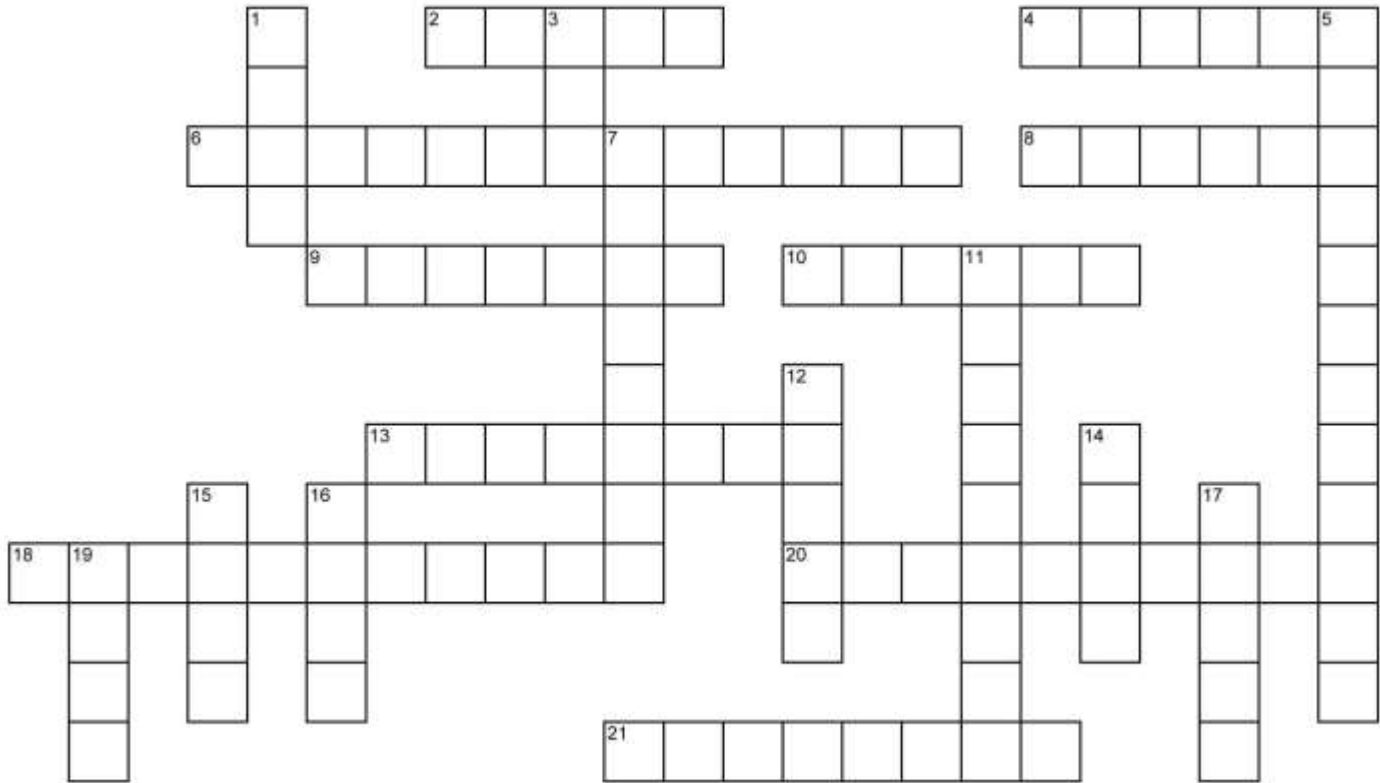
Reese N.
Speak Easy Group

Sponsee: "How many really great AA speakers do you think there are?"

Sponsor: "I really don't know, but I'm guessing that it's at least one LESS than you think!"

"I didn't really understand the full impact of the first step until after I had done Step Nine."

March Puzzle



ACROSS

- 2 The _____, we said was full of nonsense
- 4 was that our husbands ___ to like it
- 6 passing all _____ is the patience
- 8 more likely to have varied _____
- 9 to do so, you may _____ a definite course of action
- 10 I was beating on the bar _____ myself how it happened
- 13 mental, emotional and _____
- 18 of this illusion is _____
- 20 Their _____ should be the sole
- 21 and we are his _____

DOWN

- 1 a hopeless condition of ___ and body
- 3 Fear sobered me for a _____.
- 5 that you need not be _____
- 7 we are _____ of course, that the reader
- 11 keep a man in everlasting _____ - that principle
- 12 We had to drop the word _____ from our speech.
- 14 With that rejection we imagined we had abandoned the God _____ entirely.
- 15 You have to act the _____ Samaritan ever day
- 16 make alcoholics of our _____ like other men
- 17 the A.A. name ought _____ be drawn into public
- 19 we usually ind that a solitary _____ - appraisal insufficient

FRIDAY

PAMPHLET STUDY

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

Francine W. And Friends

Palm Desert, CA

**Zoom ID 826 9431 0797
Password 124145**

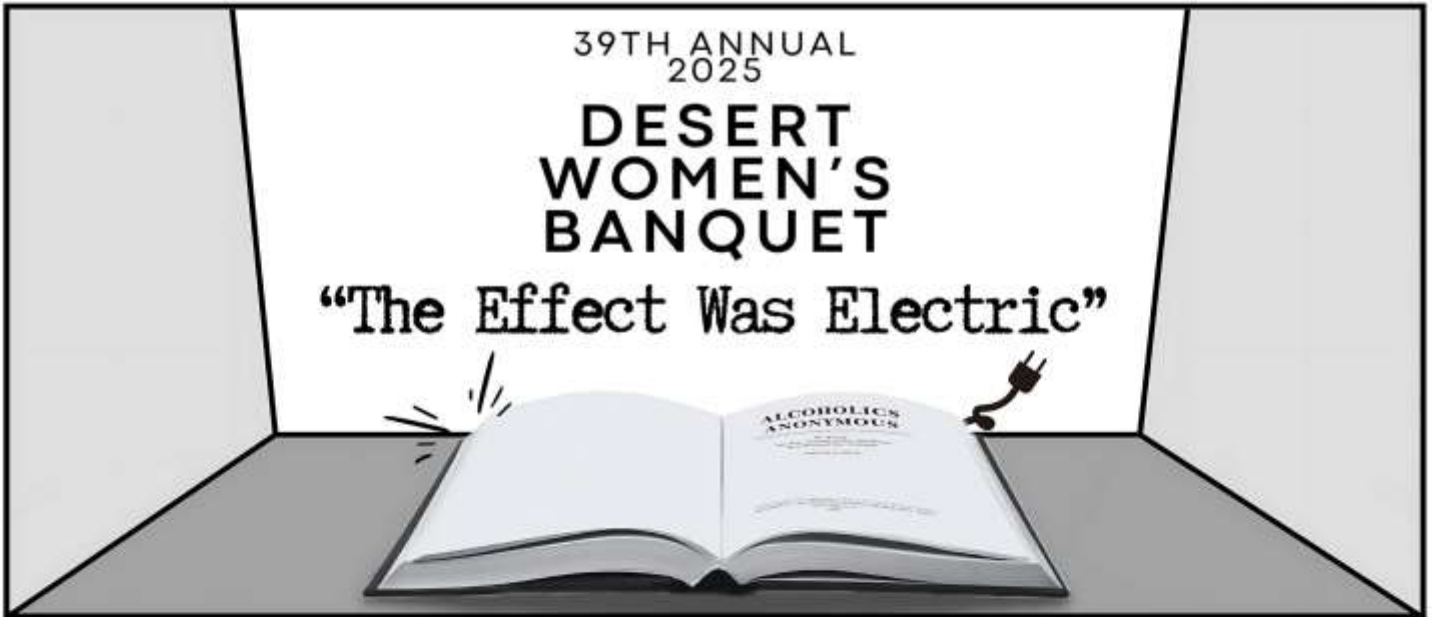
FRIDAYS

January 3-April 18, 2025

10:00 - 11:30 AM CST

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





<p>4:00-5:00pm Registration/Reception 5:00-7:00pm Three Course Dinner 7:00-8:00pm Speaker + Raffle</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: 1.2em;">\$60 per person</p> <p>Registration Contact: Jordan N. (760) 218-3879 Banquet Chair: Elise T. (310) 254-7187</p>	<p>SUNDAY THE 9TH OF MARCH, 2025 Renaissance Esmeralda Resort + Spa Emerald Ballroom 44-400 Indian Wells Ln., Indian Wells, CA</p>
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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.











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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!





Desert Lifeline, March 2025

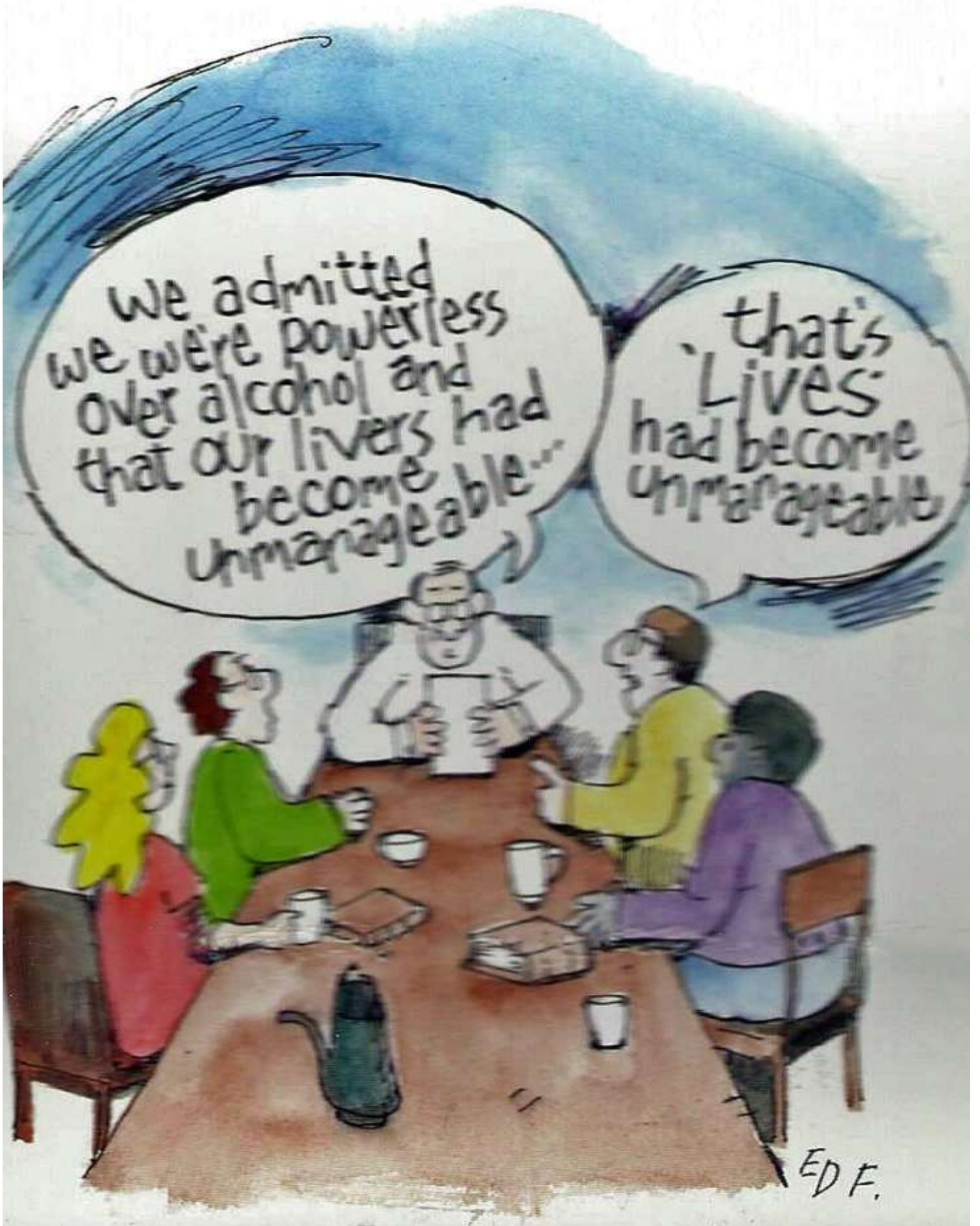
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MAAD DOG DAZE

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



IN PERSON:

Central Office
35-325 Date Palm Dr., Ste 107
Cathedral City, CA 92234



ONLINE:

Zoom
ID: 924 237 7111
Passcode: Intergroup

Step Three

*Made a decision to turn our life and our lives over to the care of God
as we understood Him.*

If this “God talk” is making you squirm, here’s the really good news...this step lets you off the hook and removes the pressure. I discovered the word “God” was just an umbrella word covering things like universe, nature, spirit, entity, higher power, the fellowship of AA, or whatever I wanted “it” to be. My sponsor had me write a classified ad “Sober Woman looking for God of her understanding and must have the following:” (then fill in whatever you want).

“The wording was, of course, quite optional so long as we expressed the idea, voicing it without reservation.” (Big Book pg 63). It was important at this juncture to just understand I needed to believe that *some power greater than me was in charge.*

My sponsor used to say that I have nothing to lose to work this step because God certainly couldn’t make a bigger mess of things than I already had. She reminded me all I had to do was “Make a decision...” it was that simple. She had me create a “God Box” to put all my resentments, dilemmas, problems, and decisions in. Over time, that shoe box suddenly turned into a God drawer, which turned into a God trunk, which 15 years later is a God Storage Unit. All I had to do was be willing. This step lists the words “will, willing, willpower, willingness” 24 times (yes, she had me count them one day when I was whining about something). This would be my first attempt at learning about faith and how “well and earnestly I have tried to come to a decision. In the beginning, even the smallest amount of willingness is all that is needed...to open the door ever so slightly.”

I was one of those they write about in the 12 X 12, Step 3 (pg. 39) that was soon “convinced that” I had “more problems than alcohol”...and my life was unmanageable even though I was sober. I was desperately unhappy...victimized by remorse....guilt over yesterday...bitterness...envy or hatred...and panic takes over...and my lone courage and unaided will cannot do it. Surely I must now depend upon Somebody or Something else.” This thinking was killing me, and my sponsor said I would probably be in a lot less pain if I tried to give up the hope of a better past.

I was always waiting for the other shoe to drop, and she reminded me that God doesn’t wear shoes. Self-sufficiency wasn’t paying off, and I discovered I couldn’t fix self will with self will. And every time I’d go to her in yet another meltdown from my will, she’d casually say, “And how’s that working out for you dear?” The pattern I saw - if I knew the beginning, middle and end of a plan or story - was probably my will. If I just knew just the beginning of the plan or story, it was probably God’s will.

“This was only a beginning, though if honestly and humbly made, an effect, sometimes a very great one, was felt at once (Big Book Pg 63).”

Mari B.

Tuesday, Women’s 10 am, Fellowship Hall
Stepping Stones

At Six Years Old, The Die Was Cast

I Did Not Fit In.

By Rick R.

When I look back on my experience, after going through my pre drinking years, my drinking years, and my sober years, in the AA program it is not hard to see what a troubled individual I was. In my days from birth to the day I entered grammar school I was unaware of the dysfunction in my immediate environment and with the absence of supervision, discipline, and role models, I did anything I wanted to do. And, as I later learned, my behavior became dishonest, selfish, and shameful.

On my first day of parochial school the world came apart for me when I looked around the classroom and realized that I did not fit in. All the other kids were having fun and enjoying that experience, and I was terrified. I knew that I could never live up to what was expected of me at that time. As a result, I developed fears and inhibitions that those other kids did not seem to have. I learned right from wrong in church but was much too insecure to do what was right. *I learned to cut corners, to lie, and cheat, since I had no confidence* that I could ever keep up with my peers. I began to overcompensate and to act out to make up for my short falls, but it never worked for me. Fist fighting became a regular event. This all went on till I turned thirteen and found the answer to all my problems. I had access to alcohol, and I did not recognize it at first, but it immediately removed all those fears and inhibitions and *for the first time in my life I felt normal* and that I was as good as anyone and better than most, so I thought. I continued to drink to feel good but when I awoke in the morning, I was more terrified than before and all I had to do was to take that first drink and everything was right with the world again. I continued this pattern until I was twenty-eight years old when I woke up one morning to face The Hideous Four Horsemen, Terror, Bewilderment, Frustration, Despair (Big Book pg. 151) and I had a moment of clarity. I knew that I *had to do something about my drinking, or I would die a horrible death at the hands of others or by my own hand*. I called AA, struggled to find the location of the meeting place. I arrived there two hours later, and was greeted by three members who were compassionate and understanding. They listened, my sense of isolation slowly went away, as did the desire to drink. I have never wanted a drink from that moment (Oct. 15, 1969) to the present. I have never had to struggle with the AA program and have embraced it to the best of my understanding. I came to understand that the things that I experienced as a child and the actions I took as a practicing alcoholic, were the ingredients of the disease of Alcoholism. It became clear to me that, *the die was cast at the age of six*, and all the ingredients were there long before I ever took a drink. All I had to do was add the Alcohol. Once I removed the alcohol, all the ingredients were still there and that is what the program helped me to set it right. I was not responsible for becoming an Alcoholic, I am, however, accountable for my behavior while I was drinking, and if I am willing to make restitution and clean up the wreckage of the past, I can free myself from all the guilt and shame and walk away with my dignity and self respect. Today my life is better than it ever could have been, had I never become an Alcoholic in the first place, and, of that, I am convinced the I am “powerless over alcohol and my life has become unmanageable.”



“Water! Water! With Bourbon and not much ice!”



"No, I've never tried AA. But if it's got alcohol in it I'm sure I'd like it."



"Like you, I'm also a prince in disguise."

Book of the month

\$11.00

Spiritual Awakenings:

\$11.00

Journeys of the Spirit (Softcover)

AA members share about the journeys of the spirit they have taken before and after sobriety, their struggles with faith and how they apply spiritual values in their daily lives

\$11.00

Normally \$13.99—This month \$11.00

\$11.00

Tradition Three

“The only requirement for AA membership is a desire to stop drinking.”

The path for me to any continuous length of sobriety has been long and has consisted of several relapses over the last 20 years. Each one became more incomprehensibly demoralizing than the last. They all took me further down the ladder of contemptible acts and behaviors. Had it not been for Tradition Three -- because of my overwhelming guilt and embarrassment - I might not have felt so compelled and welcome to return to AA once again.

But I always knew that this program, God and all of you were here waiting with loving, open-arms to see me take another 24 hour chip. I knew I would not be judged by you but accepted by you as a member of AA because I had the desire to stop drinking. I had the desire and I declared myself a member of Alcoholics Anonymous.

And then, the "miracle" happened! I finally honestly admitted I was an alcoholic, and my life was unmanageable. I let you embrace me, and I embraced you back for the first time. I followed your suggestions and became teachable. I also came to believe that a power greater than myself could restore me to sanity. Thus, I was blessed with having the obsessive compulsion to drink removed!

Because of God, this program and all of you, I will be celebrating 2 years of continuous sobriety in a couple of months! My life is now full of love, joy, and acceptance of life as it is and others as they are. I am so very grateful to AA and for Tradition Three that states that anyone may be a member of AA because they have a desire to stop drinking.

Kara S.
Fearless and Thorough Book Study
Rancho Mirage

Q: What did the sponsor say to the sponsee after he told his story to the group the first time?

A: Your I's are too close together.

Hope is the feeling you have that the feeling you have isn't permanent.

Alcoholics seem to burn their bridges in front of them.

I am glad I have my Higher Power and the program of AA to guide me--there are times when it seems like everything is falling apart, when actually it's all falling together.

It was a discussion meeting and the topic was whether one sees life as being a glass that's half-empty or half-full. Finally, the sharing came around to the group's old-timer, whom we all wanted to hear. Here's what he said: "Some days I see life as a glass that's half-empty; other days it's half-full. On other days, I am grateful that I have a glass."

I don't know what I want, but I want a lot of it.

I came to AA because of back problems--my wife was on my back, my boss was on my back, my creditors were on my back . . .

February Puzzle Solution



After the fact, it's all over.
I'm still intact, like a four-leaf clover.

Survived the storm and the chill of losing,
my sanity and self, it's so confusing.

Memories of the past, don't think too much,
they don't last, and they're out of touch.

What's over is over , I refuse to regret,
it's something I'm sober, and I don't forget.

Never want to go back to the way it was,
loss of control and loss of love.

Today is good and I'm starting over again,
with new sets of values, lover and friends.

I'm relieved and content the chaos is gone,
so I can move forward, let go and move on.

Nora R.
Fearless and Thorough, Rancho Mirage

Anonymity: The Spiritual Foundation

We Failed Idealists Need Attention

By Rick R.

I came from a family that was riddled with alcoholic drinkers and many of them had the problem as bad as I did. I recall the first month, or so, when I got sober, still hanging out with them at our favorite watering hole, drinking ginger ale. I would slip out every night at 8:00pm and go to the AA meeting at 8:30 pm and return at 10:30 pm without telling anyone where I was going. I didn't want anybody to know that I was checking out the AA program. I didn't want to face the ridicule at the time, and I wasn't sure it was going to work for me. If it didn't work, I wouldn't have put up with their mocking me. You might say that I was protecting my anonymity at the time and didn't even know it. After thirty days of that, I didn't care who knew about it because I believed I had found the answer, and I did. Soon after that I was one of those guys that wanted to shout it from the rooftops and try to sober up everyone around me and you know how that turned out. As I dragged each or my five brothers to AA meetings, it seems that they each learned just enough to be able to rationalize exactly why they were not alcoholics, and they ridiculed me anyway. Since then, one brother, a nephew, and a niece have committed suicide. That was among the experiences that gave me hard earned lessons on the respect for the principle of anonymity. Of the rest of my immediate family of ten siblings, only one sister saw something in me that she liked, and she got sober in the program and hasn't had a drink in over forty-eight years. We are exposed to the discussions in AA meeting as the newer members complain about someone breaking their anonymity, or the ones that want to shout it from the rooftops, like my former self, and that will always be the case in AA as *that* is one of the symptoms of alcoholism. We are failed idealists that need attention, but as we get more experience, we learn the true value of the spirit of anonymity. We can always come up with some noble reason for tooting our own horn and we can dress it up in the altruistic motive of sacrificing one's own anonymity to save someone's life and that, sometimes, in the long run, destroys the chance of being a good example and often turns out doing just the opposite, and I have personally witnessed that. Tradition Twelve talks of Anonymity as "The spiritual foundation of all our Traditions ever reminding us to place principles before personalities". There is a difference in the "Spirit of the law", and the "Letter of the law". We who have been diligent with the program have been highly influenced by the Spirit of what the founders learned and introduced us to in the form of the 12 steps and the 12 traditions, and they all come in the form of unselfishness of the spirit. I have yet to find one prayer or principle in the two books that we use as reference guides, that are of a *material nature or of selfish motives*. This tells me that the things I do, are the result of practicing the principles of the program should be done unselfishly and *without fanfare*. So long as I needed the attention that I was always seeking when I was looking for the photo opp., I was still only following the letter of the law, so to speak. When I came to understand the Spirit of Anonymity, I was able to rein in my EGO and my selfish motives. I try to be a good role model and do it quietly. It seems to work better that way.

Bill's Friends



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



463 W. Dominguez Rd, Palm Springs

*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!

March Speaker Schedule

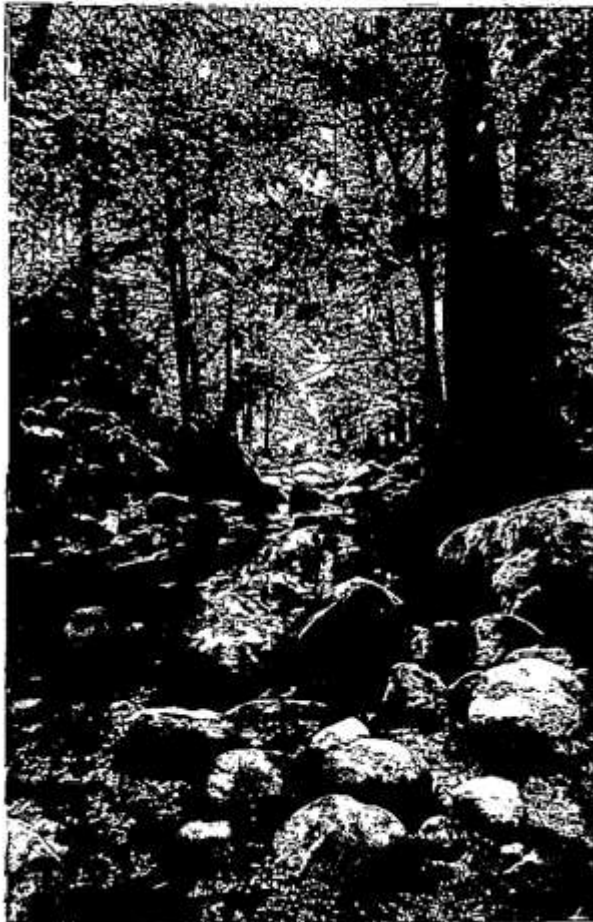


3/1: West W.- Palm Springs
3/8: Kathryn E. - Palm Desert
3/15: Scott P. - Bermuda Dunes
3/22: Ronda M - Palm Desert
3/29: VJ - Indio



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**

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3 FULL DAYS**



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36th Inland Empire AA Convention
April 4-6, 2025

**Soboba Casino Resort Event Center
San Jacinto, CA**

Speaker Line-up

**Bill C. - Torrance, CA * Amy S.D.- Louisville, KY*
Glynis H.- Los Angeles * Terry M. - Phoenix, AZ *
Mark C. - Palmdale, C.
(Al Anon) -Jida S. - Agua Dulce, CA**

***Speakers and events subject to change*

Events



Workshop W/ Steve L. - Redondo Beach



Gary P. Golf Tournament



Friday Night Ice Cream Social & Interview with a Drunk



Friday night Fun for the Young and Young at Heart



Saturday Night BBQ



A Day at The Races- Competition



Sunday Breakfast & Sobriety Countdown 'Darkness to Light'



Sober Family Feud - Sponsor vs. Sponsee

Visit www.IEAAC.org for more Info

This we owe to A.A.'s future: To place our common welfare first;
To keep our fellowship united. For on A.A. unity depend our lives,
And the lives of those to come.

40th

Annual OCAA Convention

with Al-Anon Participation

May 2nd, 3rd and 4th, 2025

Hilton Orange County Costa Mesa, CA



The OC AA "Juicer"
Introduced on our
first convention
program
03/01/1985!



Room Rates: \$149 Register EARLY!

714-540-7000 Hotel Code: FUNN

Parking: \$15.00 overnight—\$10 In & Out

All Registrations are online at OCAAC.org.

You can also register at the convention starting May 2nd, 2025.

(Price list on back)



40th Annual OCAA Convention with Al-Anon Participation

Price List for Events 2025

Full details can be found on our web site OCAAC.org under Registration



Event	Description	Event Price
Convention Registration	Required for All Ticketed Events	\$30.00
Friday and Saturday Night Dance	Good for both Nights Ticketed Events Require Registration	\$10.00
Golf Tournament for One	Foursomes will be designated before tee off. Does Not Include Registration	\$125.00
Golf Tournament Foursome	Does Not Include Registration	\$500.00
Al-Anon Luncheon	Ticketed Events Require Registration (Veggie and Child Plates Available)	\$48.00
Al-Anon Luncheon (Table of 10)	Purchaser is responsible for members in their party Ticketed Events Require Registration	\$480.00
AA Banquet for One	Ticketed Events Require Registration (Veggie and Child Plates Available)	\$65.00
AA Banquet (Table of 12)	Purchaser is responsible for members in their party Ticketed Events Require Registration	\$780.00
Run/Walk	WALK Start Time 7:00 AM RUN Start Time 7:30 AM Ticketed Events Require Registration	\$10.00
Motorhead Poker Run Rods and Rides	Starts in Front of Hilton, Saturday at 8:00 AM Ticketed Events Require Registration	\$10.00
OCAAC T-Shirt Order	Long Sleeve, Short Sleeve and Ladies Tank Top / V-Neck (Short-Sleeve Limited selection at the convention)	\$25.00
Texas Hold 'em Tournament Buy in value: \$1000 in chips	Ticketed Events Require Registration	\$30.00
Convention Donation	At Your Discretion Suggestion: Use as Gift Registrations for those who can't afford it	



*We look forward to seeing you all at the convention.
Please help spread the word by announcing the OCAAC dates
in ALL your meetings
and telling ALL your recovery friends & family.*



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
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
	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	
8:45 pm	A.A. Topic/Discussion Meeting	
9:00 pm	DJ Dance	
Sunday	7:00 am	A.A. Participation Meeting
	8:15 am	Breakfast
	9:30 am	A.A. Closing Meeting

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RENAISSANCE*
 ESMERALDA RESORT & SPA
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
reniwi.poolside.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.**

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

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

	QTY	AMT	TOTAL
Registration	_____ @	\$ 25.00	_____
Fri. Night Dance	_____ @	\$ 5.00	_____
Sat. Al-Anon Luncheon	_____ @	\$ 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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Central Intergroup of the Desert

Contributions - Groups & Individuals

January 2025

	TOTAL	
	JAN 2025	JUL 2024 - JAN 2025 (YTD)
12&12 Men's Stag Monday Night		866.00
164 Group - WED - Palm Springs	103.65	103.65
3 7 11 Meeting - THU - Twentynine Palms		116.56
3rd & 11th Step - SUN Palm Desert	170.42	170.42
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	989.53	1,679.53
6AM Pierson - K I S F Desert Hot Springs		150.00
7PM Mens Online Thousand Palms		50.00
Aging Gracefully in Sobriety		61.51
Alano Club Palm Springs	100.00	700.00
Anonymous No Group Given	570.05	3,234.30
As Bill Sees It -10AM-M Fellowship Hall P.D.		150.00
As She Sees It La Quinta	56.00	352.00
Attitude Adjustment-M-S , Palm Desert PDCC	249.00	962.99
Big Book Study Wed nite J.T.		120.50
Birthday Contributions	131.00	347.00
Came to Believe Fri. F.H. P.D. Women's		142.50
CDM Men's Stag-TUE		400.00
Central Intergroup Cathedral City		124.00
Central Office Fundraising Event Gratitude Dinner		260.00
Covert Men's Stag	100.00	100.00
Daily Reflections 10AM Women's Zoom		114.00
Daily Reflections SUN La Quinta Library		223.00
Daily Reprieve-Daily Palm Desert	383.28	1,968.34
Desert Cities AA Group		951.00
Design for Living 101 Group		919.22
Dolls of Valley Palm Desert		396.79
Double Winners	33.00	297.40
Female Friends Yucca Valley		80.00
First Things First		278.59
Friday 12&12 Step Study	101.55	101.55
Friday Noon La Quinta Library		528.00
Great Events Yucca Valley	210.00	420.00
Groovy Group		252.00
Group '48-MON- Palm Springs		62.92
Gut Level Participation Yucca Valley		42.50
Happy Hour Book Study Palm Desert	70.00	172.00
Happy Hour Group Sunny Dunes		1,463.00
Heritage Palms Wed Nite Women	259.20	454.20
Hi Desert Speakers Group 100783 Kelly Ames		415.00
How It Works Palm Desert		120.00

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IHOP Overflow Wed. Men's Stag		150.00
Jaywalkers		90.00
JTBP Zoom Thurs Night		54.76
Just the Black Print		1,161.00
La Quinta Library Mon. Big Book Study		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		841.50
Men's Stag Book Study		181.00
Mid Day Group		1,485.33
Mon. Women's Meeting Yucca Valley		30.00
New Freedom Palm Desert		71.00
No Matter What Women's Group		138.36
No Rules La Quinta	425.00	1,435.00
P.S. Experience 497916 Strength & Hope	54.90	54.90
Palm Desert 7 AM Attitude Adj.		1,049.00
Palm Desert, Step/Tradition Study	220.00	523.55
Palm Springs Attitude Adjustment Group Group	50.00	350.00
Playing With A Full Deck Palm Desert		258.16
Primary Purpose Blythe		500.00
Promises		24.00
Recovery after Relapse		200.00
Road Runners		200.00
Round Table Serenity Group		121.00
Rule 62 THU Noon100774	149.00	568.50
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		717.00
Singleness of Purpose		700.00
Sisters Under the Skin Palm Springs	100.00	100.00
Smoking Jackelope Men Stag		100.00
Sober Divas	75.00	484.00
Sobriety Sisters Palm Desert		58.00
Solid Solutions 74457- TUE		78.00
Spiritual Awakening in A.A.	170.50	170.50
Spirituality In Recovery		385.00
St. Paul's Tuesday Night Men's Stag	500.00	500.00
Stay Connected 9am (Zoom)	59.50	1,209.20

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Step Sisters Palm Desert	475.80	1,621.46
Stepping Stones	186.88	280.38
Sun City Ole Time Big Book Study		297.00
Sunday in the Park		487.96
Sunday Serenity Group	196.00	898.00
Sunny Dunes 7am Attitude Adjustment Online Group		434.25
Sunrise Celebrators Palm Desert	99.34	563.22
TGiF Group 611390 Yucca Valley		55.00
The First 164 Pages	280.63	831.13
The Promises		170.00
There is a Solution		200.00
Thurs Nite 10th Step Group - 6949		68.63
Thursday Nitters Group		180.00
Tuesday Night Men's Stag Book Study		325.00
Twilight Step Study	252.89	252.89
Vets for Vets Palm Desert		50.00
Winners Meeting Palm Springs		133.38
TOTAL	\$6,822.12	\$46,468.16

Visual representation of
when I try to be my own
higher power:

