



the Desert Lifeline

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Intergroup Meeting

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

Board of Directors Meeting

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

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

Now Meeting at Central Office
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Suite 107
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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,
5:30 p.m.
Fellowship Hall 45940 Portola Ave.
Palm Desert
Mailing Address: PO Box 1843
Palm Desert, CA 92261
www.coachellavalleyhandi.org

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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 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

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Principle Seven

Humility - The quality or condition of being not
proud or arrogant; modest opinion or estimate of one's
own importance, rank, etc. .

May Office Statistics

Meeting Info	32
12 Step Calls	2
Visitors	34
Literature Sales	237
Al-Anon	0
Other 12 Step	4
Miscellaneous	25
Business	93
Zoom Attendance	2

Central Intergroup Office of the Desert Board of Directors

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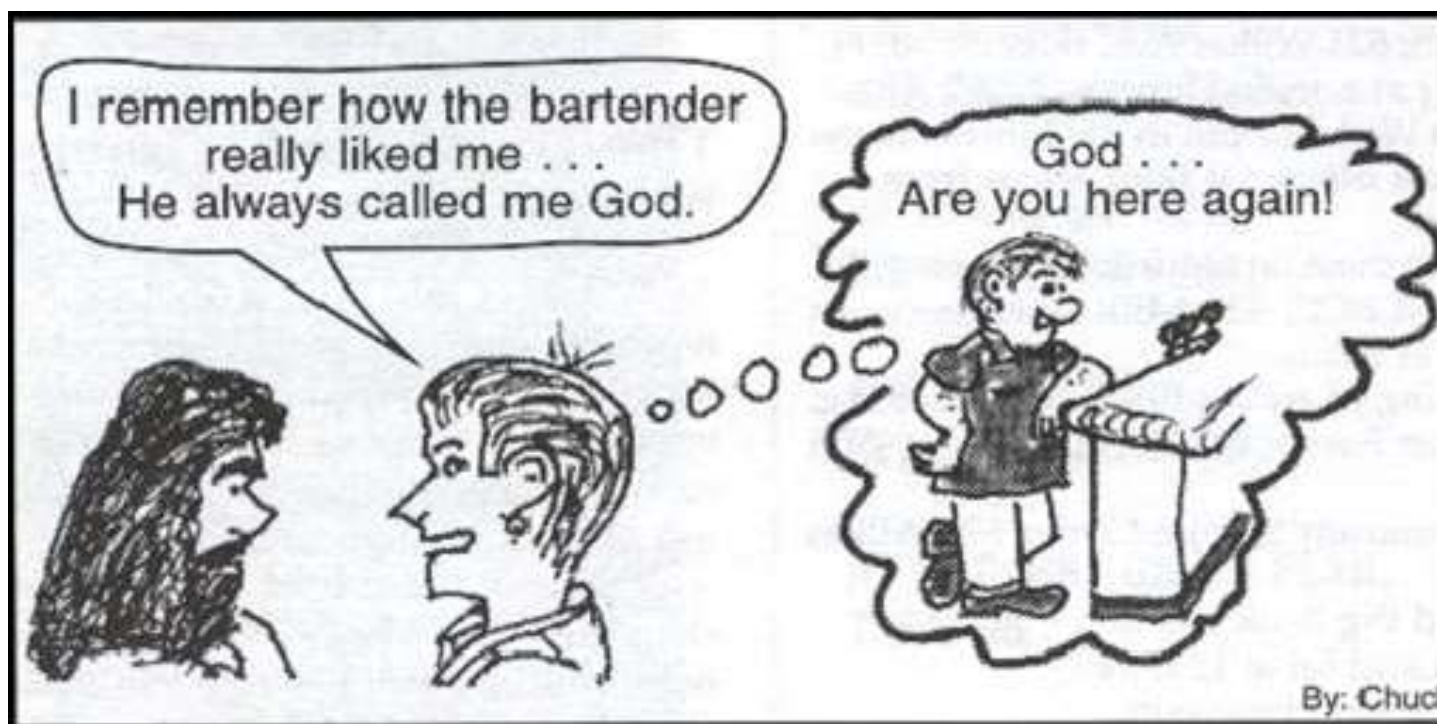
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What does Central Office Do for Me???

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.



Step Seven

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Step seven is another action step. However, the first word tells us what is really important, “*Humbly*”! This tells me that humility is the most important word in this step. I have to let my EGO be set aside in order for this thing to work. What is humility? **The quality or condition of being humble.** Ok, so what does humble mean? **Marked by meekness or modesty in behavior, attitude, or spirit; not arrogant or prideful.** *This definition works for me. I am not sure about you.*

When I first went to my first AA meeting in 1968 I was none of this. As a result, I drank for another 8 years, almost to my own demise. I was beaten into submission by King Alcohol. Not only was I humbled, I found out some things. I had a disease that was killing me. I walked through the doors begging for help. I had no pride or arrogance. I had completely and totally surrendered to my disease. I became teachable. As I worked through the steps and allowed humility to become a part of me, I learned more and more about myself. This was a sometimes-painful experience. By the time I arrived at step 7 I had no problem with humility or letting go and letting God. I followed the directions of my sponsor and of the written instructions in the Big Book. I was ready to be rid of my own character defects and allow my assets to work in my favor. Step four and step five helped me find out the difference between assets and defects. As a result I knew what I was doing that harmed me and others. The Big Book tells me that selfishness and self-centeredness were the root of my troubles.

The 12 x 12 tells me the chief activator of our defects has been self-centered fear. That’s me! Now what do I do about it? I can hang on to these things and continue to destroy myself or I can ask for help from my higher power. The second word in this step, ask. I have never asked for help, but I have cried, whined, and moaned in self-pity many times. Now it was time for me to grow up and become a real man. I needed help. That was almost way too simple.

As we close out, let us turn to the final action, get on our knees and say, “My Creator, I am now willing that you should have all of me, good & bad. I pray that you now remove from me every single defect of character which stands in the way of my usefulness to you and my fellows. Grant me strength, as I go out from here, to do your bidding. Amen.”

Dave H Primary Purpose Group, K.I.S. Fellowship DHS

**It is not the problem that was the problem;
it was my solution that was the problem.**

I have to get into action. Sitting in an AA meeting doesn’t make me sober any more than sitting in a garage makes me a car.
Sobriety is the best gift I ever got that I never wanted.

Newcomer: How do I know how many meetings I should attend each week?
Old-timer: Gradually cut back until you drink. Then you'll know.

STEP SEVEN SET ME FREE

Step Seven begins: "*My Creator, I am now willing that you should have all of me, good and bad.*" Why should I ask God to take over my good qualities in my Seventh Step Prayer? After all, I had been several months sober and there were many noble and honorable elements to my personality. WRONG! (A friend called this: alco-logical thinking.) I was still using "pool room" language, criticizing others; maintained "justified" resentments; smoking two packs of Lucky Strikes a day, etc. I guess I sort of skipped those defects/shortcomings in Steps Four and Five—I **did not really know Good from bad!** More was to be revealed the following months as I continued the maintenance steps—especially Step Ten.



As years passed, and I began living the true spirit of the maintenance steps, as they say: "More will be revealed" I was told to ask God to help me become aware these newly discovered personality defects and to use the *suggested* Step Ten directions to face and be rid of them. In time, my ego deflated to where I could see that my bad language was not normal, and it made me appear rather dull witted. My critical judgement of others began to diminish as I realized I was only seeing what was wrong with me! Also, those repeating thoughts of anger began to give way to joyous prayer. Seven months later my nicotine addiction went south and has never returned. Let us put it this way; the selfishness, dishonesty, resentment and fear I learned about myself in Step Four, began to diminish when I put Step Seven into action! The Seventh Step **prayer** was only a beginning.

What a relief! That promise of a new freedom and happiness began to appear, but most importantly, that dreadful mental obsession finally began to disappear. I now realize that I had been trapped in a bondage of self for many years but putting Step Seven into action has set me free! Step Seven is a powerful tool! Thank you, God!

Bob S

\$10.00

Book of the month

\$10.00

Big Book Large Print

Normally \$12.00 - this month \$10.00

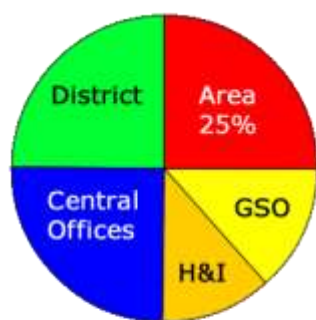
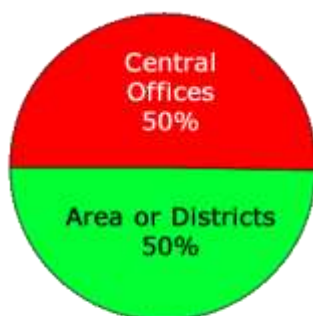
Known as the "Big Book," the basic text of Alcoholics Anonymous has helped millions of people recover from alcoholism since the first edition appeared in 1939. Chapters describing the A.A. recovery program — the original Twelve Steps — and the personal histories of A.A.'s co-founders remain unchanged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

Fourth Edition (2001).

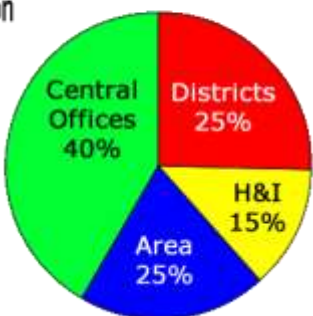
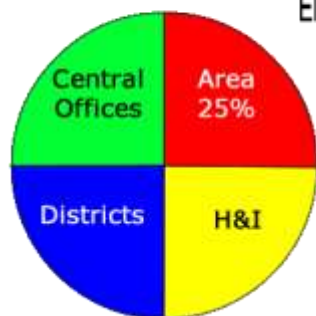
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\$10.00

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East County Intergroup
El Cajon

"Step One...a pie chart is not a dessert."



SELF-SUPPORT:

Where Money & Spirituality Mix



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This is A.A. General Service Conference-approved literature.

A No. Contributions are strictly voluntary and some groups simply cannot afford additional contributions after covering their basic needs. Additionally, there are groups who, for whatever reasons, choose not to be a part of the self-support network. These groups, nevertheless, will receive basic services from the district, area and intergroup if they wish, and are welcome to list with G.S.O., where they will receive the same basic services as other groups. In 2017 the percentage of all listed groups who contributed to G.S.O. was 43.7%, in 2016 it was 41.5%.

Q What do contributions to G.S.O. cover?

A The 2017 service dollar was spent on the following activities: Group Services 35.6% (which includes various group contact-type costs in addition to Box 4-6-9; A.A. Directories; records and files; contributions processing; and French services); the General Service Conference, 12.1%; Letters, Internationalists, and Overseas Services, 8.8%; trustees' and directors' activities, 6.9%; Regional Forums, 7.3%; Archives, 12.2%; C.P.C., 4.1%; Public Information, 5.8%; Correctional Facilities, 4.7%; Treatment and Accessibilities, 2.2%.

Q How much does it cost, per group, for G.S.O. to supply basic services?

A At the end of 2017, the annual cost of services per group was \$153.00, while the average contribution per group was \$126.00. The shortfall between these two figures is made up from income from A.A. publications.

Q My group doesn't have a lot of money. Is it better not to send anything at all until we can afford to make a sizeable contribution?

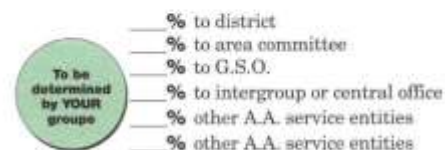
A In the spirit of participation, no contribution toward carrying the message can be too small. Bill W. spoke about our "collective obligation" to support A.A. services, and if everyone waited until they had a "sizeable" amount, it's more than likely that A.A.'s bills would go unpaid.

Distribution Plan of

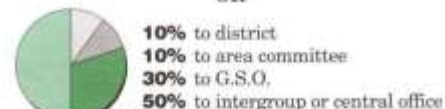
(YOUR GROUP NAME)

Your Group Service # _____

(Be sure to write group name and service # on all contributions.)



OR



OR

If you have no intergroup/central office:



Q Where should I send contributions?

A For contributions to G.S.O., make checks payable to "General Service Board" and send to:

General Service Office
P.O. Box 459
Grand Central Station
New York, NY 10163

or visit Contributions online at aa.org

For contributions to other A.A. service entities, contact your district committee, area committee, and local intergroup/central office for addresses. You can enter the addresses in the spaces provided on the next page to save for easy reference. And remember that these addresses may change when a treasurer rotates.

My Relapse and What Prevention Means to Me

The consequences of drinking irresponsibly forced me to evaluate my behavior and self-character. With a great deal of humility, I do accept that I came to Alcoholics Anonymous for a reason; it was not a mistake. With complete honesty and thoroughness, I have completed the Twelve Steps and continue to do the work necessary to maintain the proper foundation to live life successfully with a strong spiritual program as the AA program has suggested. By daily asking God, "Thy will be done" and with that, as it states in the Big Book of AA in the chapter "Into Action" "there is action and more action" "Faith without works is dead."

If the compulsion to have an alcoholic beverage arises, I have the tools to defeat the treachery of a drink. The "acid test"; the philosophy of spiritual principals is the key to my success. In the crucial moments where I may be vulnerable, emotionally unstable, I pause. God is in the pause.

In order for me to eliminate negative emotions, negative thoughts and "*stinkin' thinkin'*", the healthy ways I use to cope with these negative feelings are to get into action; prayer, go to church, attend a meeting, talk to someone (sponsor, therapist, a friend or family member), physically to do something positive something productive (exercise, volunteer), & get out of "self" by practicing selflessness.

The benefit of maintaining an emotionally stable mind allows me deal with life issues that could otherwise cause me to fall short in character and in worst case scenario: terrible behavior, (e.g. getting in trouble with the law, loss of job, lose everything good).

I have a blessed purposeful life and the way I can keep it is by maintaining a strong spiritual life by actively participating in "cleaning house;" asking God to show me the way to be patient tolerant, kind and wanting the greater good for others. I must always conduct self-evaluation, admit when I'm wrong and take any corrective actions if needed.

I must never let down my guard, always remember the importance of ongoing self-reflection and never rest on my laurels. The consequences from my DUI have helped me to accept my errors, make corrections that align with living a spiritual life and be the faithful true servant.

By the grace of God, I'm at peace.

Anonymous 06/2025



Tradition Seven

*Every AA group ought to be fully self-supporting
declining outside contributions.*

I've heard this tradition countless times at meetings. "Being self-supporting" means accepting financial responsibility for our recovery. I happily put my \$2 in the basket every day -- I used to spend a lot more than that on alcohol, that's for sure. Rent, electricity (air-conditioning, thank God!), coffee, birthday cakes and chips ... meetings incur a myriad of expenses. We each practice healthy, sober behavior by contributing our share.

"Declining outside contributions" is something I never really thought about, so I had to learn about it in Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions. Here's the scoop. In 1948, a woman died and left \$10,000 to A.A. in her will. This legacy caused quite a debate. The Board was aware at the time of over \$500,000 that had been set aside for A.A. in the wills of people still alive. If they accepted the \$10,000 gift, they would have to accept all future contributions and would eventually become extremely rich.

The Pro argument (to accept the gift) was pretty clear-cut: the Foundation was hard-up at the time and really needed the money. The Con argument (to decline the gift), while less appealing financially, was compelling. "If the Foundation obtained money from outside sources, trustees might be tempted to run things without reference to the wishes of A.A. as a whole. Relieved of responsibility, every alcoholic would shrug and say, 'Oh, the Foundation is wealthy -- why should I bother?' ... The pressure of that fat treasury would surely tempt the Board to invent all kinds of schemes to do good with such funds, AND SO DIVERT A.A. FROM ITS PRIMARY PURPOSE." (The caps are mine.)

Yet again, the wisdom of our A.A. forefathers is evidenced by their decision to decline the \$10,000 gift and to adopt a formal, airtight resolution that all such future gifts would be similarly declined. Bare running expenses and a prudent reserve is the A.A. Foundation's financial policy. And that's the way it is!

Rebecca K
Sunrise Celebrators, Fellowship Hall, Palm Desert

One of the miracles of my sobriety is that today I am better at doing for others than I am at letting others do for me . . . that's not always been the case . . . I used to EXPECT others to do for me!

What we have in common is NOT that we are all alcoholic. There are a whole lot of alcoholics out there. What we have in common is that we are all in the solution.

How an "Oldtimer" Greet a Newcomer

His name is Bill. He has wild hair, wears a T-shirt with holes in it, jeans, and no shoes. This was literally his wardrobe for the past four years of life. He is brilliant. Kind of profound and very, very bright. He became an alcoholic while attending college. Things have only gone down hill since.

Across the street from the campus is a well-dressed, very conservative A.A. club. They want to develop a meeting for the students but are not sure how to go about it.

One day Bill decides to go there. He walks in with no shoes, jeans, his T-shirt, and wild hair. The meeting has already started and so Bill starts looking around the room for a seat.

The room is completely packed and he can't find a seat. By now, the well-dressed people are really looking a bit uncomfortable, but no one says anything.

Bill gets closer and closer and closer to the front of the room, and when he realizes there are no seats, he just squats down right on the carpet.

By now the people are really uptight, and the tension in the air is thick. About this time, the evening's speaker realizes that from way at the back of the meeting, an "old timer" is slowly making his way toward Bill.

Now the "old timer" is in his eighties, and has silver-gray hair, and a three-piece suit. A spiritual man, very elegant, very dignified, very courtly. He walks with a cane and, as he starts walking toward this boy. Everyone is saying to themselves that you can't blame him for what he's going to do.

How can you expect a man of his age and of his background to understand some college kid on the floor?

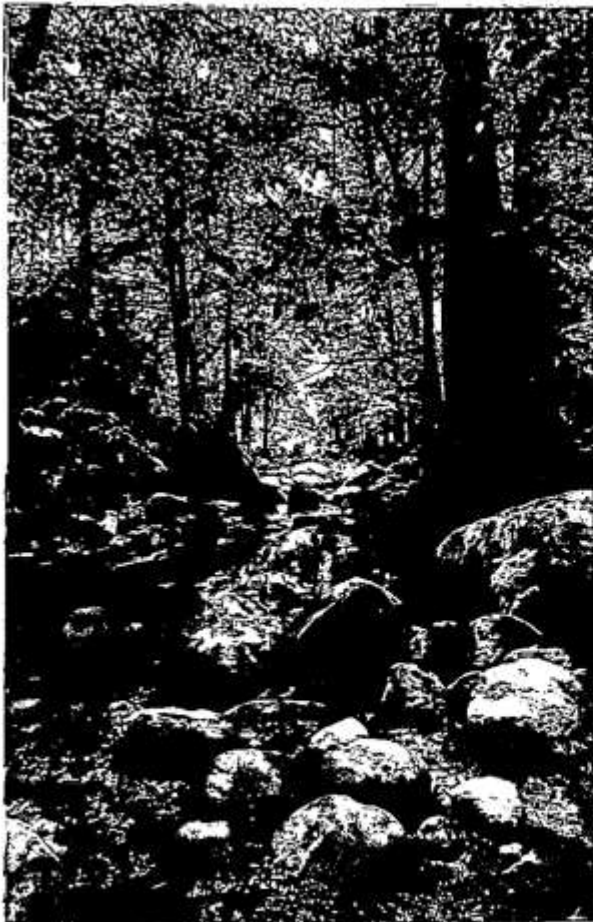
It takes a long time for the man to reach the boy. The meeting is utterly silent except for the clicking of the old man's cane. All eyes are focused on him. You can't even hear anyone breathing. The speaker can't even continue the meeting until the "old timer" does what he has to do. And now they see this elderly man drop his cane on the floor. With great difficulty, he lowers himself, sits down next to Bill, and welcomes him so he doesn't feel out-cast and alone. Everyone chokes up with emotion. When the speaker gains control, he says,

"What I'm about to say, you will never remember. What you have just seen, you will never forget." "Be careful how you live. You may be the only Big Book some people will ever read".

Pass this to People you want God to Bless with sobriety .

IDYLLWILD ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS SPEAKER MEETING

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Experience, Strength and Hope
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San Jacinto Mountains.



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

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

Palm Desert Group
Fellowship Hall,
Palm Desert
 Saturday Night, 8:00 p.m.

7/05	- Ronda M.	- Rancho Mirage
7/12	- Sarah M.	- Santa Monica
7/19	- Tony T.	- Palm Desert
7/26	- Kenneth K.	- La Quinta

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Sobriety Capital of the World Group
ABC Club 44359 Palm St.
Indio

Friday Night, 8 p.m.

7/04	-	Juan D.	-	Coachella Valley
7/11	-	Wayne W.	-	Los Angeles
7/18	-	Georgia B.	-	Glendale
7/25	-	Marco D.	-	Orange County

7/04 - Juan D. - Coachella Valley
7/11 - Wayne W. - Los Angeles
7/18 - Georgia B. - Glendale
7/25 - Marco D. - Orange County

YV Alano Club
57637 Yucca Trail, Yucca Valley
Saturday Night, 7:00 p.m.

7/05	- Laurence T.	- Desert Hot Springs
7/12	- Carl S.	- Desert Hot Springs
7/19	- Pat W,	- Palm Desert
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JUNE PUZZLE SOLUTION



● NEW FROM GSO

Our Primary Purpose Podcast

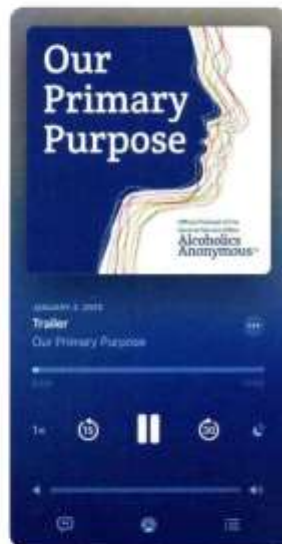
“Featuring interviews with GSO staff and voices from A.A. history and the Fellowship today — learn how GSO supports A.A. groups and members to carry the message of hope and recovery.”

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AA call to Service

Sign up as a Temporary Contact

Volunteer to be a temporary Contact and when a contact request is received, our committee will contact you if you meet the criterion for that specific request.

Bridges are matched by Age, sex and location.

if you are a match, we contact you and provide you with the information we have on file. i.e. phone # and Email and you (the AA member) will take it from there.

A Temporary contact is Committing to:

- Attend approx. 6 meetings of various types. introduce the newcomer to people and getting phone #s.
- you dont have to give them rides if you dont want to.
- Explain what AA is. and is not
- Do not provide any monetary assistance.
- Emphasize importance of Steps, Sponsorship, & Literature especially Big Book.
- Do not provide any legal or medical reports or advice.
- Explain importance of a homegroup and our singleness of purpose. (P-16)
- Meeting etiquette
- Differences between the fellowship and the program, between a meeting and a group and Open & Closed meetings.
- Do not tolerate any mistreatment. Remember Universal respect is the key to our usefulness.

Concept Seven

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Although at first glance Concept VII appears to again state Tradition 2, it doesn't.

On one hand the Board of Trustees has complete legal power over AA Funds and Services, yet on the other hand AA General Service Conference is clothed with the influence and financial power that, if necessary, it could override the legal rights of the Board of Trustees.

It can therefore give the Trustees directives and secure compliance with them practically speaking. In other words, the overall Group conscience will nearly always be superior to the legal power of the Trustees.

This superior power in the Conference flows from the power that additional influence of the Charter itself.

It derives from the large majority of group chosen Delegates in the Conference. And finally, in any great the monies with which to operate with.

Theoretically the Conference is an advisory board only, but practically speaking has all of the ultimate rights and powers it will ever need.

Our trustees have no salaried financial interest in their posts. We can be quite sure that the Board wouldn't ever think of legally contesting the clear and sustained will of the Conference Delegates and the AA Areas that they represent.

In Concept VII we have the perfect check and balance system. In other words even at world level the Group conscience always rules.

Floyd
The How it Works Group, Palm Springs

Sponsee: "God is working too slowly!"

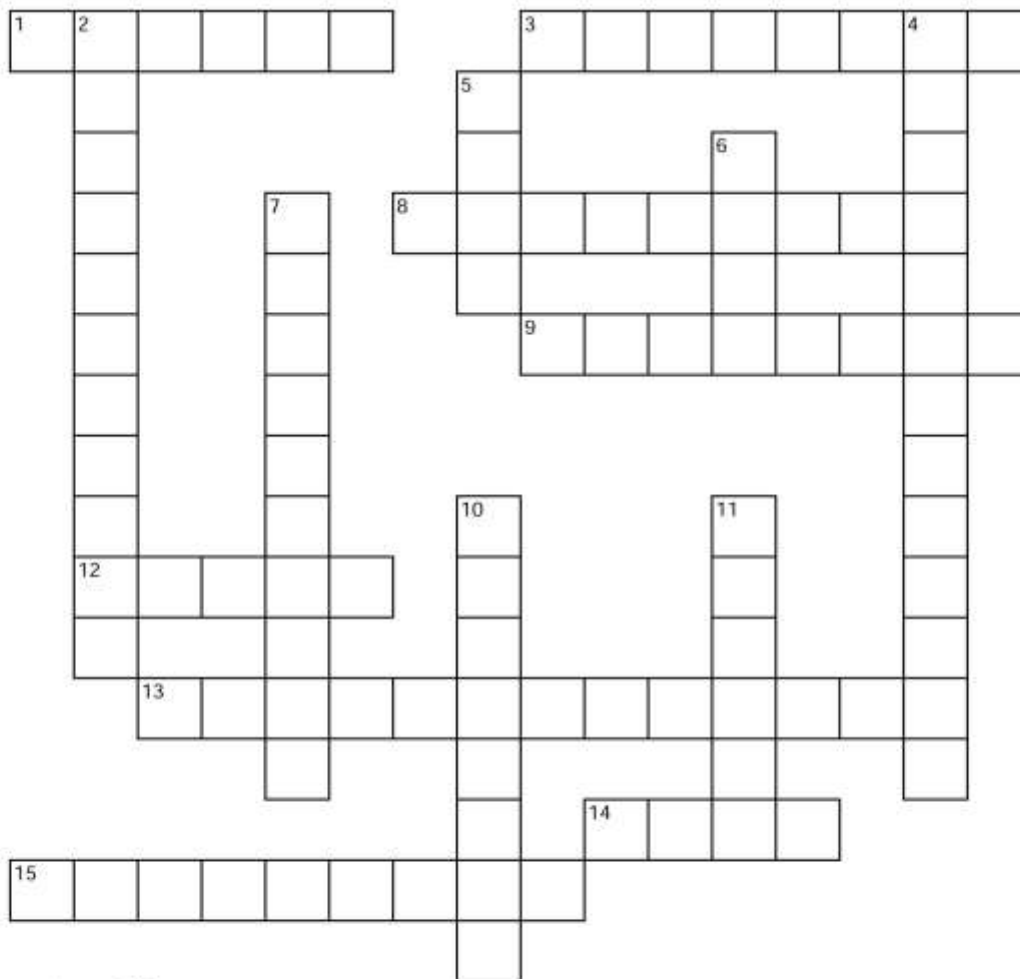
Sponsor: "God is old. He's slow. Get used to it. If you were that old, you'd be slow, too."

I've just realized that I'm bi-lingual. I've spoken English my whole life . . .
but for the past 22 years, I've been learning the Language of the Heart. Still learning!

Sponsee: "She called me a smug sanctimonious bitch!"

Sponsor: "I don't think you're sanctimonious."

"...and to think that my very life today is because of the pay phone in the lobby of the Mayflower Hotel!"



www.CrosswordWeaver.com

ACROSS

- 1 "Alcoholics Anonymous is a fellowship of _____ who share their experience, strength and hope"
- 3 More will be _____.
- 8 "Indeed, the attainment of greater humility is the foundation _____ of each of AA's Twelve Steps."
- 9 God enables us to match calamity with this
- 12 Central Office's resident pup.
- 13 Every A.A. group ought to be fully self-supporting, declining outside _____.
- 14 The main problem of the alcoholic centers in their _____, rather than their body
- 15 The spiritual foundation of all our Traditions.

DOWN

- 2 With all the _____ at our command, we beg of you to be fearless and thorough from the very start.
- 4 Concept 7: The Charter and Bylaws of the General Service Board are legal instruments, empowering the trustees to manage and conduct world service affairs. The Conference Charter is not a legal document; it relies upon tradition and the A.A. purse for final_____.
- 5 [The Promises] will always materialize if we _____ for them.
- 6 Enlarge our spiritual _____
- 7 The dubious luxury of normal people; bitter indignation at having been treated unfairly.
- 10 Spiritual principle of Step 7
- 11 The Steps are a _____ for living that works in rough going



Dear God,

Please help me to see other people as you see them, to love other people as you love them, and to forgive other people as you forgive them.

And please help me to see myself as you see me, love myself as you love me, and forgive myself as you forgive me.

Amen.



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**IDY A'S
BBQ
POTLUCK
JULY 12**

RECOVERY

UNITY

ST HUGH'S CHURCH
1:15
BEVERAGES PROVIDED
idyllwildnooners@gmail.com

May Volunteers at Central Office

Amelia F.

Thank You !!

Bill T.
Bob B.
Brandon O.

Gabriel C.

Jack Z.
Jean K.
Jim B.
John B.
John C.
Kathy M.

Thank You !!

Miriam L.
Megan L.
Nancy L.
Nikki J.

Pavithra S.
Richard B.
Rob H.
Shannan K.
Stephen St. L.

WHEN GIRLS DRINK TOO MUCH.....

1. We have absolutely no idea where our purse is.
2. We believe that dancing with our arms overhead and wiggling our butt while yelling "Woo-Hoo!" is truly the sexiest dance move around.
3. We suddenly decide that we want to kick someone's butt and honestly believe we can do it, too.
4. In our last trip to pee, we realize that we now look more like a homeless hooker than the goddess we were just four hours ago.
5. We start crying and telling everyone we see that we love them soooooo much.
6. We get extremely excited and jump up and down every time a new song plays because "Oh, my God! I love this song!"
7. We've found a deeper spiritual side to the geek sitting next to us.
8. So we go home with him.
9. We suddenly take up smoking and become really good at it.
10. We yell at the bartender, who we believe cheated us by giving us just lemonade, because we can no longer taste the vodka.
11. We think we are in bed, but our pillow feels strangely like the kitchen floor.
12. We fail to notice that the toilet lid is down when we sit on it.
13. We take our shoes off because we believe it's their fault that we're having problems walking straight.
14. We lose our shoes.
15. We wake up hung-over the next morning and say, "I'm never doing that again."
16. We remember that same night what a great time we had and go do it all over again.

Woman to Woman San Diego

Join us for our 51st Conference



September 26th to September 28th, 2025

(Registration Opens at 3pm on Friday)

Conference for Recovering Alcoholic Women

Conference Includes:

Friday & Saturday Night Banquets, Dynamic Speakers, Topic Discussion Meeting, Waterfront Setting, Fun Activities, Group Walks, Hospitality Suite, Beautiful Accommodations, Pool & Hot Tub

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

(Copy this form to register additional women)

Name _____ Phone # _____
Address _____ Sobriety Date: _____
City/Zip _____ Email: _____
Vegetarian: Yes No Want to be of Service: _____ Where: _____

Conference Registration Info

\$210 per Person (Before 9/5/25)
Add late fee of \$40 per person
Mail checks payable to:
Woman to Woman San Diego,
30262 Crown Valley Pkwy, Ste B#148,
Laguna Niguel, CA 92677
Registrations are transferable only.

Additional Information Call:

LA County—Pat L. (714) 904-4428
Orange County—Jeanne H. (949) 433-4194
San Diego County—Nancy M. (949) 212-0510
Riverside & San Bernadino—Annie A. (760) 519-6062

Website

www.womantowomansandiego.com

Email

womantowomansandiego@gmail.com

• No Children Allowed at the Banquets or Meetings

(If a registered service animal causes an allergic reaction or physical fear, the pet will be asked to be removed)

* No Pets Allowed Except REGISTERED SERVICE ANIMALS



www.thedana.com

Hotel Registration—Call (800) 445-3339 and reference
Woman to Woman for Conference Pricing
Standard Room \$185 Bayview Room \$235
Premium Bayview Suite \$285 (All rooms subject to availability)
Reservations must be made by August 25, 2025



51st Annual 9th District Convention

- You must be registered to attend ticketed events
- To sit together, you must register on-line or mail in requests together
- If registration is not received by 8/15 you may register on-site on 9/05



PRE-REGISTRATION T-SHIRT

REGISTRATION INFO

ONLINE

Scan To
Register On-line



or visit
maaddogdaze.org



- Pre-Registration \$30
- Recovery Home \$15

ON-SITE

On Site Registration \$35 Open 12pm 9/05

BY MAIL

Make checks payable to: Ninth District Convention
PO Box 4383 Palm Desert, CA 92261

GUEST INFORMATION	ITEM	QTY	PRICE	TOTAL
Name _____	Pre-Registration	_____	\$30	_____
_____	Pre-Registration T-Shirt	_____	\$25	_____
Street Address _____	Friday Night Ice Cream Social	_____	\$8	_____
City _____	Saturday Golf Tournament + Lunch	_____	\$100	_____
State, Zip _____	Saturday Buffet Lunch	_____	\$45	_____
Phone _____	Saturday Night AA Plated Banquet	_____	\$70	_____
Email _____	Sat. Dinner Choice: ☐ Beef ☐ Chicken ☐ Vegan/Vegetarian	_____		_____
Name Tag To Read _____	Saturday Night Ice Cream Social	_____	\$8	_____
Group and City _____	Sunday AA Buffet Brunch	_____	\$40	_____
☐ AA ☐ AI-Anon ☐ Guest	Newcomer Donation	_____	\$---	_____
Pre-Reg Unisex Shirt Size: ☐ XS ☐ S ☐ M ☐ L ☐ XL ☐ XXL	TOTAL \$	_____		_____

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51st Annual

MAAD DOG DAZE

9th District Convention



September 5-7 2025

DoubleTree Hotel & Golf Resort

by Hilton Palm Springs

Discounted room rates @\$129 Until 8/09/25 to book: Call 844-543-9184 use code **MD2**
DoubleTree by Hilton Resort - 67967 Vista Chino, Cathedral City, CA 92234

Weekend Events:

SPEAKER MEETINGS, MARATHON MEETINGS, POOL PARTY,
KARAOKE, DJ DANCE PARTY, *GOLF TOURNAMENT, YOGA,
GUIDED MEDITATIONS, GAMES, RAFFLE PRIZES, 50/50,
MONEY TREE, AND MORE!

*INDICATES TICKETED EVENT



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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, JUNE 22ND

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



AA & Grapevine Book Review

FRANCINE W. & FRIENDS
PALM DESERT, CA

Fridays

June 13 - October 10, 2025
(except July 4, 2025)

10:00 - 11:30 AM CT

4:00PM (UK); 11:00M (ET); 8:00AM (PT)

Zoom ID 826 9431 0797

Password 124145

20th ANNUAL JOE BENITEZ DESERT MEN'S BANQUET
TRUST GOD, CLEAN HOUSE, HELP OTHERS

Sunday, October 26th, 2025

Fantasy Springs Resort-Casino

Indio, CA

Exit: Golf Center Parkway, East on I-10

4PM – Meet & Greet

5PM – Dinner / 6:30PM -Speaker

\$60.00 per person / \$600.00 per table

For more information, please contact:

Al S. 310-344-1210

John E. 760-272-8449

David H. 719-859-3200



19th Annual
Mountain AA Conference
with Al-Anon Participation

A Search For Serenity

Big Bear Performing Arts Center
39707 Big Bear Blvd., Big Bear Lake, CA 92315

Friday, September 5, 2025
6pm - 9pm

Saturday, September 6, 2025
7am - 10pm

Sunday, September 7, 2025
7am - Noon

Hospitality

Delicious Gourmet Luncheon

Five Main AA Speakers and Al-Anon Speaker

Saturday Night Ice Cream Social with Entertainment

Saturday & Sunday Yoga & Sound Bath with Samantha and Nick
(all levels welcome, please bring mat)

Long Timers Meeting

AA and Al-Anon Marathon Meetings

Country Store/Souvenirs

Sunday Morning Pancake Breakfast

SATURDAY MORNING WORKSHOP with Herb K.:
The JOY of LIVING!

www.MountainAAConference.com

NAME TAG INFORMATION PLEASE PRINT

(Please pickup your Name Tag at Registration Table)

Name _____

Group _____

AA _____ Al-Anon _____ Guest _____

Name _____

Group _____

AA _____ Al-Anon _____ Guest _____

PURCHASES

I would like to donate Registration ticket(s): \$55.00 x ____ = \$ _____

Registration: \$55.00 x ____ = \$ _____

Pancake Breakfast (Sunday Morning): \$10.00 x ____ = \$ _____

Souvenir Cup: \$10.00 x ____ = \$ _____

Total Enclosed: = \$ _____

Hospitality and Coffee - Free with Registration
 Luncheon and refreshments - Free with Registration
 Ice Cream Social (Saturday Night) - Free with registration

Personal Contact Information

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State & Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Please make checks or money orders payable to: Mountain AA Conference Mail to: P.O. Box 310, Blue Jay, CA 92317
All sales are final, no refunds.

Included in the Registration is the Saturday luncheon with refreshments. Sunday morning is the \$10.00
 Pancake Breakfast followed by an AA Speaker. Breakfast must be pre-paid at registration.
 For lodging visit <http://www.bigbearchamber.com/Accommodations> or www.bigbear.com/places-to/stay.
 For complete driving instructions visit www.mountainaaconference.com

VOLUNTEER?☐ Yes, I would like to volunteer my services.

For volunteer information call Tina R. at: (909) 754-0477
 For general information call Christina Z. at: (909) 273-8561

The following establishments have arranged for discounts:
Call the number directly and ask for the person below.

Black Forest Lodge (10% discount - code AA2025 / Contact Frank)(909) 866-2166 blackforestlodge.com
Castlewood Cottages (10% discount) Adults Only.....(909) 866-2720 castlewoodcottages.com
Fireside Lodge (10% discount / Contact Sunny).....(909) 866-2253 firesidelodge.net
Robinhood Resort (10% discount / Contact Peter).....(800) 990-9956 robinhoodresorts.com
Sessions Retreat and Hotel (15% discount - code AA2025 / Contact Frank) ... (858) 699-4614 manager@sessionsretreat.com
Timberline (10% discount)(909) 866-4141 bigbeartimberline.com

Please mention the AA Mountain Conference to get the discount.

Recommended for Camping: Serrano Campground

For rates and amenities call: 909-866-8021 For more information go to: www.recreation.gov/camping/serrano/**www.MountainAAConference.com**



Central Intergroup of the Desert

Statement of Activity

May 2025

PROFIT & LOSS

Net profit for May

\$1,357

⬇️ Down 13% from prior month

\$17,522

Income

\$16,165

Expenses

	TOTAL	
	MAY 2025	JUL 2024 - MAY 2025 (YTD)
Revenue		
Contributions - Conventions		6,019
Contributions - Groups & Individuals	9,500	75,886
Gratitude Dinner		1,184
Interest Income	5	931
Sales	8,018	108,432
Total Revenue	\$17,522	\$192,453
Cost of Goods Sold		
Cost of Goods Sold	5,368	72,697
POS Inventory Adjustment	566	1,888
Total Cost of Goods Sold	\$5,933	\$74,585
GROSS PROFIT	\$11,589	\$117,868
Expenditures		
Accounting Services	1,000	10,500
Bank Charges		15
Computer Expense	698	6,438
Credit Card Fees	309	4,192
Insurance - Health	644	6,713
Insurance - Liability	310	2,863
Insurance - Worker's Comp		1,080
Newsletter Expense	203	2,244
Office Expense	1,455	16,092
Payroll Expenses	4,964	60,358
Plant Expenditures		1,902
Rent		13,871
State Filing Fees		75
Storage	269	2,690
Utilities	379	6,247
Total Expenditures	\$10,232	\$135,281
NET OPERATING REVENUE	\$1,357	\$ (17,413)
NET REVENUE	\$1,357	\$ (17,413)



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 17111 E. 1st Ave. Suite 100
 Phoenix, AZ 85032
 (602) 998-1111
 www.centralintergroup.org

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Budget vs. Actuals: Budget 2024-2025

July 2024 - May 2025

		TOTAL	
	ACTUAL	BUDGET	OVER BUDGET
Revenue			
Contributions - Conventions	6,019	10,600	(4,581)
Contributions - Groups & Individuals	75,886	72,500	3,386
Gratitude Dinner	1,184	8,000	(6,816)
Interest Income	931	72	859
Sales	108,432	100,670	7,762
Total Revenue	\$192,453	\$191,842	\$611
Cost of Goods Sold			
Cost of Goods Sold	72,697	50,335	22,362
POS Inventory Adjustment	1,888		1,888
Total Cost of Goods Sold	\$74,585	\$50,335	\$24,250
GROSS PROFIT	\$117,868	\$141,507	\$ (23,639)
Expenditures			
Accounting Services	10,500	10,000	500
Bank Charges	15		15
Computer Expense	6,438	6,230	208
Credit Card Fees	4,192	2,718	1,474
Insurance - Health	6,713	6,846	(133)
Insurance - Liability	2,863	2,676	187
Insurance - Worker's Comp	1,080	1,079	1
Newsletter Expense	2,244	6,600	(4,356)
Office Expense	16,092	17,200	(1,108)
Outreach		1,100	(1,100)
Payroll Expenses	60,358	59,949	409
Plant Expenditures	1,902	2,038	(136)
Rent	13,871	18,437	(4,566)
State Filing Fees	75		75
Storage	2,690	3,236	(546)
Utilities	6,247	6,340	(93)
Total Expenditures	\$135,281	\$144,449	\$ (9,168)
NET OPERATING REVENUE	\$ (17,413)	\$ (2,942)	\$ (14,471)
NET REVENUE	\$ (17,413)	\$ (2,942)	\$ (14,471)

Central Intergroup of the Desert

Contributions - Groups & Individuals

May 2025

	TOTAL	
	MAY 2025	JUL 2024 - MAY 2025 (YTD)
12&12 Men's Stag Monday Night		866.00
164 Group - WED - Palm Springs		103.65
3 7 11 Meeting - THU - Twentynine Palms		116.56
3rd & 11th Step - SUN Palm Desert		170.42
3rd 7th 11th Step Meeting	253.00	658.09
5th Tradition 7AM Attitude Adjustment Group #100	1,407.14	5,777.03
5th Tradition Dinner Meet Desert Hot Springs	90.00	190.00
630 AM PDCC Zoom		1,954.53
6AM Daily Reprieve - K I S F Desert Hot Springs		350.00
7PM Mens Online Thousand Palms		50.00
Aging Gracefully in Sobriety		61.51
Alano Club Palm Springs	100.00	1,100.00
Anonymous No Group Given	3,580.33	10,156.60
As Bill Sees It -10AM-M Fellowship Hall P.D.		150.00
As Bill Sees it Sunny Dunes 830AM		376.83
As She Sees It La Quinta	89.00	837.00
Attitude Adjustment-M-S , Palm Desert PDCC		1,209.99
Big Book Study Wed nite J.T.		120.50
Bill's Hour		73.60
Birthday Contributions	486.00	916.00
Black Sheep Group		300.00
Came to Believe Fri. F.H. P.D. Women's		142.50
Candle Light Meditation-F Palm Desert		200.00
CDM Men's Stag-TUE		400.00
Central Intergroup Cathedral City	30.00	219.00
Central Office Fundraising Event Gratitude Dinner		260.00
Covert Men's Stag		100.00
Daily Reflections 10AM Women's Zoom		114.00
Daily Reflections SUN La Quinta Library		223.00
Daily Reprieve-Daily Palm Desert	334.19	3,762.94
Desert Cities AA Group		1,951.00
Design for Living 101 Group		919.22
Dolls of Valley Palm Desert		538.39
Double Winners	41.00	493.40
Female Friends Yucca Valley		130.00
First Things First		278.59
Friday 12&12 Step Study		101.55
Friday Noon La Quinta Library	241.10	1,169.10
Great Events Yucca Valley		540.00
Groovy Group		252.00
Group '48-MON- Palm Springs		100.92
Gut Level Participation Yucca Valley		42.50
Happy Hour Book Study Palm Desert		254.00

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Contributions - Groups & Individuals

May 2025

	TOTAL	
	MAY 2025	JUL 2024 - MAY 2025 (YTD)
Happy Hour Group Sunny Dunes		3,162.00
Heritage Palms Wed Nite Women		454.20
Hi Desert Speakers Group 100783 Kelly Ames		515.00
How It Works Palm Desert		120.00
IHOP Overflow Wed. Men's Stag		150.00
Jaywalkers		154.23
JTBP Zoom Thurs Night		54.76
Just the Black Print	319.50	2,013.00
Keep It Simple Group Speaker Meeting		250.00
La Quinta Library Mon. Big Book Study		1,052.25
La Quinta Library Wed 12 & 12	376.00	1,031.00
Last Call Group 104	168.32	645.90
Live & Let Live Retreat LGBTQ event		700.00
Living Sober Book Study 486898 Palm Desert		342.50
Living Sober Group-Joshua Tree		30.00
Living Sober Women Sat. La Quinta	64.00	151.00
Men's Marauders		841.50
Men's Stag Book Study		181.00
Mid Day Group 00419671		2,326.10
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	400.00	2,250.00
Oxy-Moron Group		50.00
P.S. Experience 497916 Strength & Hope		54.90
Palm Desert 7 AM Attitude Adj.	82.00	1,538.00
Palm Desert, Step/Tradition Study		523.55
Palm Springs Attitude Adjustment Group Group	50.00	550.00
Playing With A Full Deck Palm Desert		327.16
Primary Purpose Blythe		500.00
Promises		24.00
Recovery after Relapse	150.00	350.00
Road Runners		400.00
Round Table Serenity Group		121.00
Rule 62 THU Noon100774		568.50
Rush Hour Group	720.00	720.00
Santa Rosa Big Book Thump Coachella		25.00
Saturday 12 & 12		191.00
Saturday Night Special		150.10
Serenity Group		185.00
Serenity Seekers Palm Desert		480.00
Serenity Sisters - Sunny Dunes		557.49
Shipwreck Men's Meeting		717.00

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Contributions - Groups & Individuals

May 2025

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Sisters Under the Skin Palm Springs		100.00
Smoking Jackelope Men Stag	100.00	200.00
Sober Divas	75.00	884.00
Sobriety Sisters Palm Desert		58.00
Solid Solutions 74457- TUE		78.00
Spiritual Awakening in A.A.		170.50
Spirituality In Recovery		385.00
Spritual Meeting Yucca Valley		30.00
St. Paul's Tuesday Night Men's Stag		500.00
Stay Connected 9am (Zoom)		1,293.20
Step Sisters Palm Desert		2,347.81
Stepping Stones		390.63
Sun City Ole Time Big Book Study		497.00
Sunday in the Park		487.96
Sunday Serenity Group	150.00	1,512.00
Sunny Dunes 7am Attitude Adjustment Online Group		434.25
Sunrise Celebrators Palm Desert	92.98	924.38
TGIF Group 611390 Yucca Valley		85.00
The First 164 Pages		831.13
The Promises		224.00
There is a Solution		400.00
Thurs Nite 10th Step Group - 6949		68.63
Thursday Night 29 Palms		206.00
Thursday Niters Group		180.00
Tuesday Night Men's Stag Book Study		525.00
Twilight Step Study		313.51
Vets for Vets Palm Desert	100.00	200.00
Winners Meeting Palm Springs		133.38
TOTAL	\$9,499.56	\$75,886.30

It's not old behavior if you're still doing it.

Grateful in the Desert!



41st Annual Gratitude Dinner!

Earl H. Vista, CA

Fellowship ~ Raffles ~ Live Music

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November 2, 2025 5 PM - 8:30 PM

Palm Springs Air Museum 745 N. Gene Autry Trail, P.S., CA 92262

Online Ticket Sales: www.aainthedesert.org

A fundraiser hosted by your AA Central Office Intergroup Committee