



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

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

Hospitals & Institutions

2nd Wednesday of the month,
5:30 p.m.
Fellowship Hall 45940 Portola Ave.
Palm Desert
Mailing Address: PO Box 1843
Palm Desert, CA 92261
www.coachellavalleyhandi.org

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 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

Were entirely ready to have God
remove all these defects of character.

Tradition

An A.A. group ought never endorse,
finance, or lend the A.A. name
to any related facility or outside
enterprise, lest problems of money,
property, and prestige divert us
from our primary purpose.

Concept

The Conference recognizes that
the chief initiative and active
responsibility in most world service
matters should be exercised by the
trustee members of the Conference
acting as the General Service Board.

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Principle Six

Willingness - disposed or consenting; inclined;
cheerfully consenting or ready

April Office Statistics

Meeting Info	48
12 Step Calls	1
Visitors	45
Literature Sales	267
Al-Anon	1
Other 12 Step	1
Miscellaneous	24
Business	8
Zoom Attendance	112

Central Intergroup Office of the Desert Board of Directors

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Belief is watching someone push a wheelbarrow across a tightrope
and believing that they will make it to the other side.

Faith is when I am willing to get into the wheelbarrow.

April 2025

Darren 2 yr.
Paul K. 9 yr.
Brian G. 21 yr.
Breanne C. 22 yr.
Kyle C. 22 yr.
Paul 27 yr.



Happy Birthday



Brian A. 27 yr.
Ira M. 40 yr.
Dallas E. 41 yr.
Barney M. 43 yr.
Bruce D. 60 yr.



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

April Volunteers at Central Office

Amelia F.

Thank You !!

Bill T.
Bob B.
Brandon O.

Clarissa H.
Forrest P.

Jack Z.
Jean K.
Jim B.
John B.
John C.
John R.

Thank You !!

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

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

At the Expense of Others

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

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

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

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

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

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

Well, I sputtered and stammered for a while and I finally convinced him that the only requirement for membership was a desire to stop drinking and that there were no requirements for drug use involved. Thank God he is still sober. Later that night, I really began to question myself and the message I was carrying. Sure, it was important that I qualified and identified myself, but were the details worth it at the possible expense of others? I realized I should stick to alcohol and alcoholism in order to keep the door wide open, not make it more narrow. If even one person gets the wrong idea and feels they don't belong, that is one too many. Besides, I had been sober for a while and I knew what I was.

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

J. H., Dover, Pennsylvania
1992,

AA Grapevine, March

Tradition Six

An A.A. group ought never endorse, finance or lend the A.A. name to any related facility or outside enterprise, lest problems of money, property and prestige divert us from our primary purpose.

We in Alcoholics Anonymous must constantly remind ourselves that we can't be all things to all men. Because we have found an answer to the alcohol problem, doesn't mean that we have the answer to a lot of the other problems of the world. Our focus must remain on our primary purpose – to carry the message to the alcoholic who still suffers. Whenever we align ourselves with any outside entity we run the risk of confusing those who may need help as to what we really stand for, as well as what our motives are. As a program of attraction we let others do the promoting, allowing us to concentrate on helping those who come to A.A. seeking a solution to their drinking problem.

Ben P

Just The Black Print Big Book Study, Rancho Mirage

The Fine Print

Pharmaceutical commercials have very long disclaimers. But alcoholic beverage ads just say: "Please drink responsibly." If alcohol ads had to follow the same guidelines as pharmaceutical ads, this might be their disclaimer:

Caution: Drinking alcohol may result in vomiting, nausea, indigestion, slurred speech, frequent urination (with pants up or down), memory loss, brain damage, impaired vision, headaches, delusions of grandeur, lying, divorce, unemployment, evictions, bankruptcy, black eyes, broken bones, concussions, bleeding ulcers, cirrhosis of the liver or death! Do not consume if you are allergic to alcohol. If these symptoms persist, call the AA hotline immediately!

Anonymous

Concept Six

Short Form

The Conference recognizes that the chief initiative and active responsibility in most world service matters should be exercised by the trustee members of the Conference acting as the General Service Board.

Long Form

"On behalf of A.A. as a whole, our General Service Conference has the principal responsibility for the maintenance of our world services, and it traditionally has the final decision respecting large matters of general policy and finance. But the Conference also recognizes that the chief initiative and the active responsibility in most of these matters should be exercised primarily by the Trustee members of the Conference when they act among themselves as the general Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous".

We have seen that the "final responsibility and ultimate authority" for A.A.'s service activities rest with the A.A. groups (Concept 1), but to carry out this responsibility they must delegate to the Conference (Concept 2)). The Conference, in turn, must delegate administrative authority to the General Service Board of Trustees. Again, it is helpful if you are familiar with both the Conference Charter and the Bylaws of the General Service Board to understand this relationship and the freedom of action that the trustees must have.

The trustees have the legal and practical responsibility for the operation of A.A. World Services, Inc. (which embraces A.A. publishing as well as the General Services Office) and of the A.A. Grapevine, Inc. These entities have a combined cash flow of many millions of dollars annually. The trustees are also responsible for A.A.'s public information activities. They are the guardians of the Twelve Traditions. They are responsible for carrying the A.A. message to other countries around the world. They are A.A.'s "bankers", overseeing the financial operations and investing A.A.'s substantial Reserve Fund. (Read the text of Concept XI for a more detailed account of their functions.)

Bill makes the point that although "our objective is always a spiritual one," nevertheless our world service is a "large business operation," "Indeed," he says, "our whole service structure resembles that of a large corporation. The A.A. groups are the stockholders, the delegates represent them, like proxy holders, at the annual meeting; the General Service Board Trustees are actually the directors of a 'holding company,' And this holding company (the General Service Board) actually owns and controls the two 'subsidiaries' (A.A.W.S. and the A.A. Grapevine) which carry on the . . . services.

"This very real analogy makes it . . . clear that, like any other board of directors, our trustees must be given large powers if they are to manage the . . . affairs of Alcoholics Anonymous."

Jack K
Living Sober, Joshua Tree

Here's a perspective from my sponsor that I sometimes wish I hadn't heard. I start my day with prayer. I ask God to show me through the day how I can be of service. I pray for acceptance of God's will in my life. Then I go through my day. And then I complain about what's happening in my day. Now how does that make sense?

A pessimist sees the glass as half empty ---
An optimist sees the glass as half full ---
An economist sees the glass as too large ---
An alcoholic sees the glass as pointless!

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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maaddogdaze.org



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



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- 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: <input type="checkbox"/> Beef <input type="checkbox"/> Chicken <input type="checkbox"/> Vegan/Vegetarian	_____		_____
Name Tag To Read _____	Saturday Night Ice Cream Social	_____	\$8	_____
Group and City _____	Sunday AA Buffet Brunch	_____	\$40	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> AA <input type="checkbox"/> Al-Anon <input type="checkbox"/> Guest	Newcomer Donation	_____	\$---	_____
Pre-Reg Unisex Shirt Size: <input type="checkbox"/> XS <input type="checkbox"/> S <input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> L <input type="checkbox"/> XL <input type="checkbox"/> XXL	TOTAL \$	_____		_____

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Phone _____	Saturday Night AA Plated Banquet	_____	\$70	_____
Email _____	Sat. Dinner Choice: <input type="checkbox"/> Beef <input type="checkbox"/> Chicken <input type="checkbox"/> Vegan/Vegetarian	_____		_____
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Group and City _____	Sunday AA Buffet Brunch	_____	\$40	_____
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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



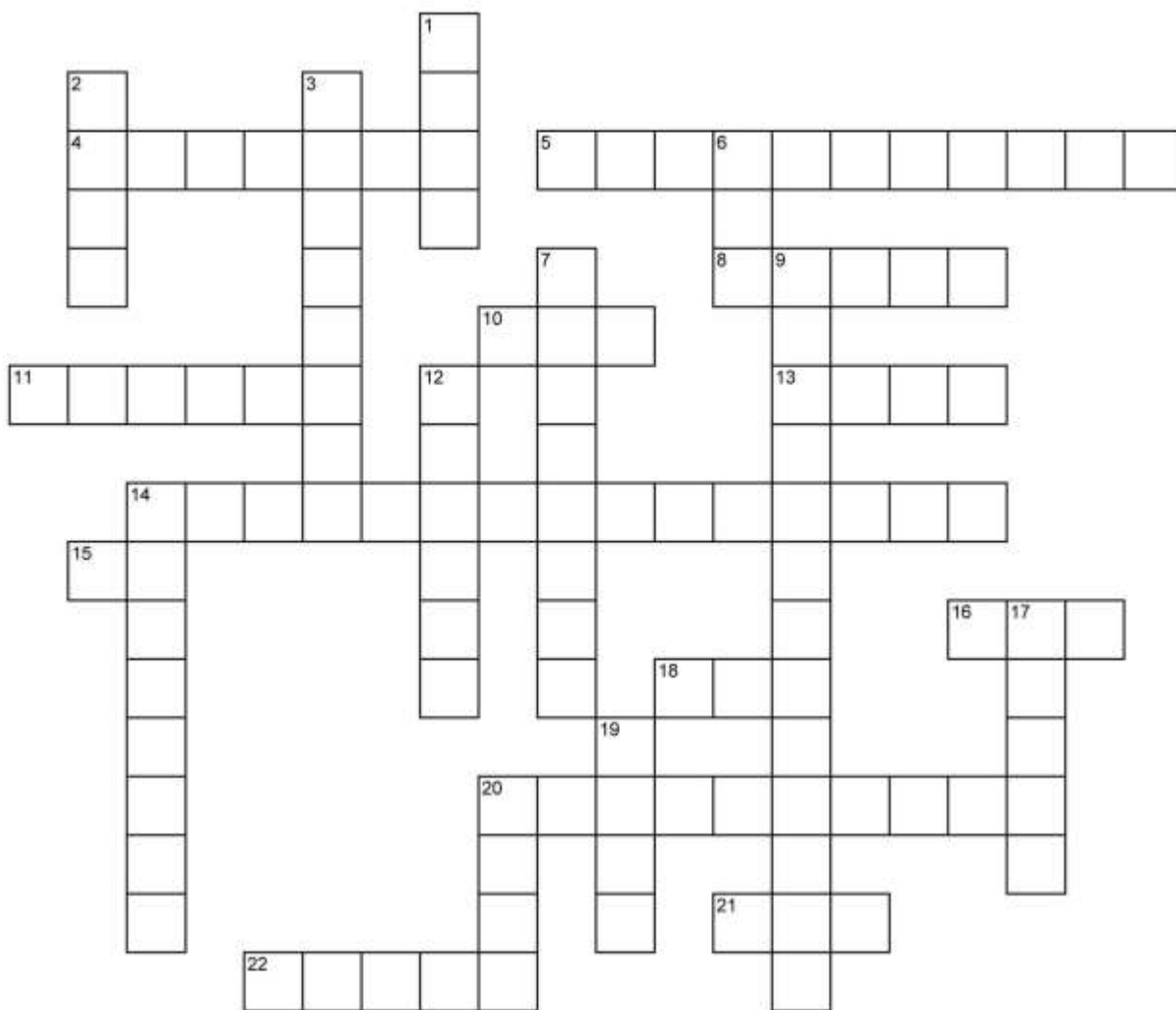
IN PERSON:

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



ONLINE:

Zoom
ID: 924 237 7111
Passcode: Intergroup



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ACROSS

- 4 toward all men, even _____, for we look on
 5 about this phase of our _____, we will be amazed
 8 become a part of their _____ work, and even of their sleeping moments
 10 already been obliged to _____ him away.
 11 By the following _____ we were living in our accustomed style.
 13 to stop drinking, there _____ be no reservation of any kind.
 14 We have commenced to see their terrible _____.
 15 He is a real _____ Jekyll and Mr. Hyde.
 16 In that case he is going to wonder how you can _____ anything to what he already knows.
 18 At the moment we are trying to _____ our lives in order.
 20 Helping others is the _____ stone of your Recovery.
 21 "this chap is either through with liquor, or he is minus a _____."
 22 to take those risks than to _____ before his Creator

DOWN

- 1 His _____ presents additional questions
 2 Without _____ it is too much for us.
 3 At _____ he came home exhausted,
 6 But this is not an _____ in itself.
 7 ask ourselves but one short _____
 9 Sometimes you will have to call a doctor and _____ sedatives under his direction.
 12 into what I like to call the _____ dimension of existence
 14 as those who had been _____ twenty years.
 17 He never _____ again.
 19 love and loyalty could not _____ our husbands of alcoholism.
 20 _____ is a partner in a well known

MIDDLE STEPS IN A TIMELY MANNER

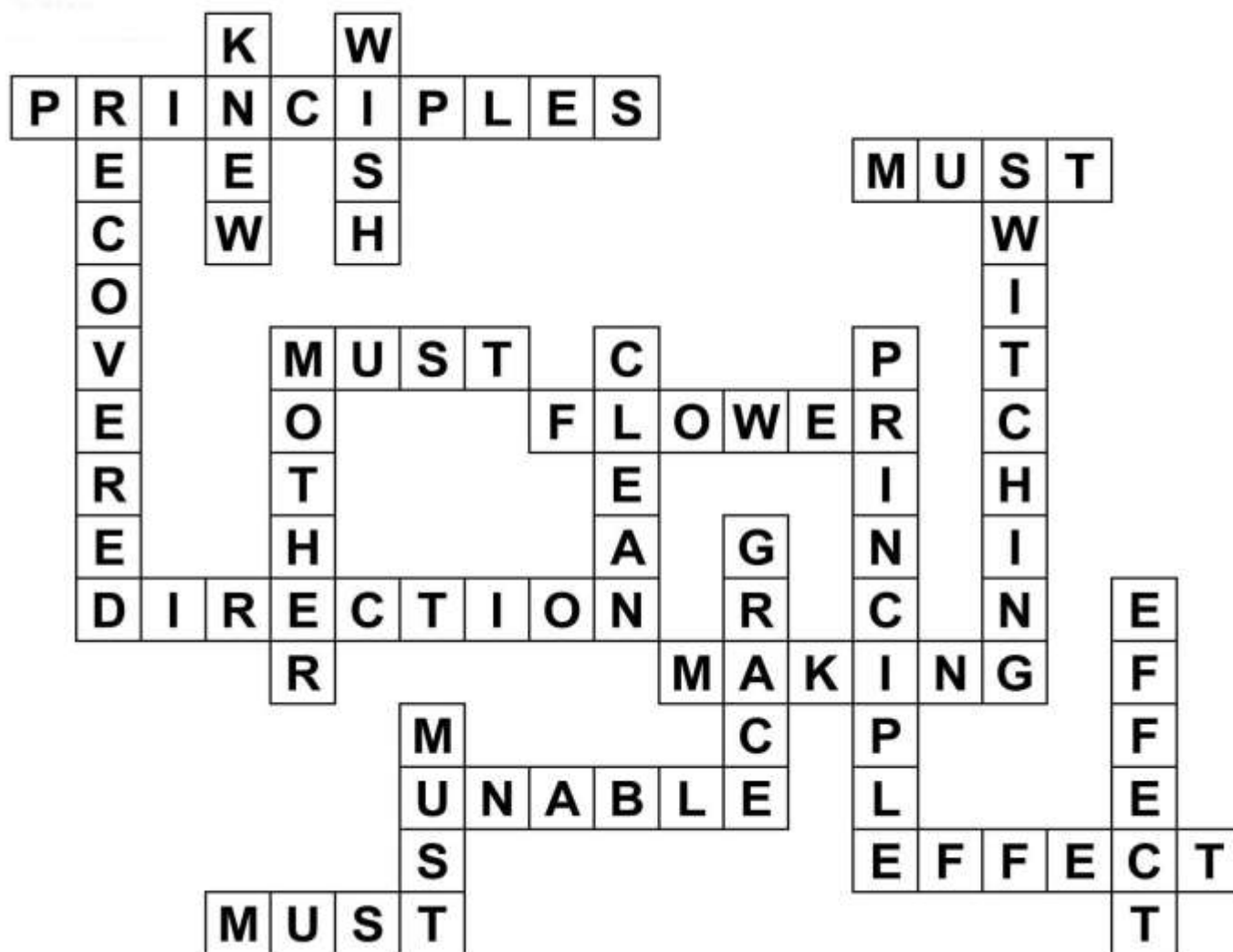
When was that? Well, my sponsor considered that to mean starting the Fifth Step just a few minutes after we went through the many actions suggested on Step Four (pp. 64-71).

This rapid process did not alleviate my mental obsession for alcohol by “*next Thursday*,” so to speak however, throughout the next year it began to diminish as I continued daily AA meetings and spending most of my spare time with sober friends at different Los Angeles recovery clubs. After a year or so I realized those tempting “drinking thoughts” had all but disappeared and have not returned with any frequency. Consequently, I have not had anything alcoholic to drink since my first meeting. I believe doing the middle steps with my sponsor in a *timely manner* was very helpful.

I thank God that my sponsor taught me the importance of acting in the now—tomorrow may be too late!

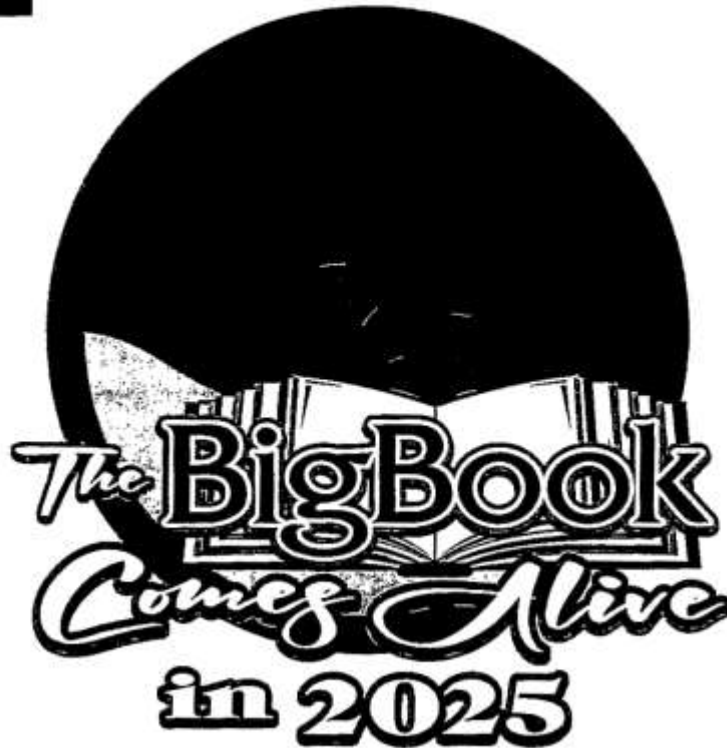
Bob S

May Puzzle Solution



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**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AA CONVENTION
WITH AL-ANON PARTICIPATION**



**The Big Book Comes
Alive in 2025**

September 5th - 7th, 2025

**The Westin Rancho Mirage Golf Resort & Spa
Rancho Mirage, California**

Palm Desert Group
Fellowship Hall,
Palm Desert

Saturday Night, 8:00 p.m.

- 6/07 - Discussion per Desert Round-Up
- 6/14 - Greg M. - Santa Monica
- 6/21 - Tim C. - Simi Valley
- 6/28 - Maggie B. - Palm Springs

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

Friday Night, 8 p.m.

- 6/06 - Michael M. - Orange County
- 6/13 - Jermaine G. -- Long Beach
- 6/20 - Risha B, - Los Angeles
- 6/27 - Dana G. - Los Angeles

Hi-Desert Speakers -
YV Alano Club

57637 Yucca Trail, Yucca Valley

Saturday Night, 7:00 p.m.

- 6/07 - Bobby G. - Landers
- 6/14 - Kevin R. - Yucaipa
- 6/21 - Ronda M. - Indio
- 6/28 - Birthday Night

Alano Club of the Desert -
463 W Dominguez Rd
Palm Springs

Saturday Night, 7:00 p.m.

- 6/07 Maggie B.. - Palm Springs
- 6/14 Virginia S. - Downey
- 6/21 Tony L. - Desert Hot Springs
- 6/28 Jeffery - Palm Springs



Speaker Meetings



\$5.00

\$5.00

Book of the month **Came to Believe**

(Large Print)

Normally \$6.00 - this month \$5.00

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

Step Six

Were entirely ready to have God remove all these defects of character.

The Big Book states:

"Returning home we find a place where we can be quiet for an hour, carefully reviewing what we have done. We thank God from the bottom of our heart that we know Him better. Taking this book down from our shelf we turn to the page which contains the twelve steps. Carefully reading the first five proposals we ask if we have omitted anything, for we are building an arch through which we shall walk a free man at last. Is our work solid so far? Are the stones properly in place? Have we skimmed on the cement put into the foundation? Have we tried to make mortar without sand?

If we can answer to our satisfaction, we then look at Step Six. "We have emphasized willingness as being indispensable. Are we now ready to let God remove from us all the things which we have admitted are objectionable? Can He now take them all- every one? If we still cling to something we will not let go, we ask God to help us be willing."

Simply put, are we entirely ready and willing to change? After all, nothing changes if nothing changes, and if we remain the same person with the same character defects, chances of us staying sober are slim. If we want to be happy, joyous and free then we must be willing to change that which makes us the opposite. It's important to point out here, that we don't change by our own will; it's with the help of relying on a Higher Power that we are successful in this step.

The 12 & 12 says step six separates the men from the boys. The point is that by now you have done a lot of work and have faced the truth about you. At this point we try to strip away the old character for a new one. This is a lifetime process; occasionally the old character will emerge and will have to be dealt with. It is part of the process of continuously working these steps in our everyday lives. We seek progress, not perfection!

Carole C
Wednesday Night Women's Discussion, PDCC Rec Hall, Palm Desert

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 Six & Seven: Defects and Short Comings

The Habits of Credibility Lead to Integrity

By Rick R.

Sometimes the wording used in The Big Book (Alcoholics Anonymous) and in The Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions (12&12) mean something different to individuals often based on how they evolved with respect to Religion, Agnosticism, Atheism, and other developmental histories. This may be confusing to some of us, especially Step Six in the 12&12 as it talks of God removing these defects of character the way God removed the obsession to drink. In simple terms I try to word the Step Six process in a way anyone can understand it and my goal is not to offend anyone by being over simplistic but most of our actions and behaviors stem from our thinking and if our thinking is of a fearful nature, we are bound to make bad decisions while trying to defend ourselves.

The defects we identify in the Step Four inventory disclose in step five and address in Step Six, are biproducts of our fears and insecurities and are of a spiritual nature as in our inner self.

The shortcomings we address in Step Seven are of a material nature (actions and behaviors) that result from those fears and insecurities.

If, in the program, we discover a defect of character and address it properly the short coming diminishes and becomes irrelevant. A simpler way I try to describe this process is as follows: Suppose you purchased a new car and drove off the lot and as you reached the first stop sign you hit the brakes, the car slowed down but did not stop as it should and drifted out into the intersection. You then returned to the car lot and explained what happened, they checked it out and discovered that the wrong brakes were installed at the factory. They agreed to correct the mistake. This time when you drove away and approached the stop sign the car stopped as it was supposed to, and it also stopped at every other stop sign or red light. Once the defect was identified and corrected, the short coming went away. I look at defects as the unseen part of our makeup such as: thoughts, motives, fears, feelings, ego, etc. I look at shortcomings as the results of those inner thoughts and feelings such as: gossip, lying, verbal abuse, cheating, theft, criticism, and so on. In step four we identified our defects of character (fear and Insecurity) and in step five we owned and exposed them. In Step Six and Seven we start to replace our selfish and shameful thoughts and motives with unselfish habits and deeds. There is no need to overcomplicate the process. As we begin to stay on the unselfish side of the behavioral ledger, we begin to establish a new record, and if all our motives are of an unselfish spirit, we start to establish some credibility, which, in time, leads to integrity. If individuals employ the dynamics I described in Step Six and Seven, he/she will be a different person, in Spirit, when they reach Step nine, and it will make it much easier to make amends backed up by a mountain of integrity. The steps of the program are numbered in order for a reason and if a person is struggling with one of these steps it might be wise to look back and be sure that they did not skimp on an earlier step or leave out something important. If an Alcoholic has a desire to live a happy and useful life, the steps of the program are a pathway to achieve that goal provided they stick with the plan. Not everything will go our way in the beginning but, if we persist, in time things will go exceptionally well. In the words of Preacher Roe: "Sometimes you eat the Bear, Sometimes the Bear eats you." I say, "Perseverance will always eat the Bear"!



CELEBRATION OF LIFE



FRAN JACOBS

MARCH 12, 1947 - MAY 8, 2025

Please join us June 14th
from 4-6pm at Fellowship Hall
in Palm Desert, Ca



**This will be a Potluck

A special Memory of Love and Service



Bill White.

Passed away May 4th

With 34 years of sobriety

Please Join us for a celebration of life

Bill's Memorial

June 7, 2025 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM

Coachella Valley Christian Church

50225 Jackson St.

Coachella



Maxey



DCYPAA'S FOURTH OF JULY POOL PARTY



FRIDAY, JULY 4

3:00 PM

71780 AVENUE 41 | BERMUDA DUNES, CA 92203

TEXT JORDAN - (760) 699-1616 OR ABBY - (802) 393-2118 FOR MORE INFORMATION!

**AS OF 6/1/2025 THERE ARE ONLY 33 DAYS LEFT
UNTIL THE 2025 INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION!**

NEW WAYS TO PAY AND WATCH THE VIRTUAL PROGRAM SESSION TRACK

The General Service Board approved a tiered pricing registration option that is now being added for Groups and Information Gathering Watch parties. Intergroups/Central offices, districts, areas, and local AA groups have requested this option.

A Group and Information Gathering Watch party coordinator must register and pay a 2025 International Convention Virtual Program Session Track registration fee based on a tiered number of watch party attendees as follows:

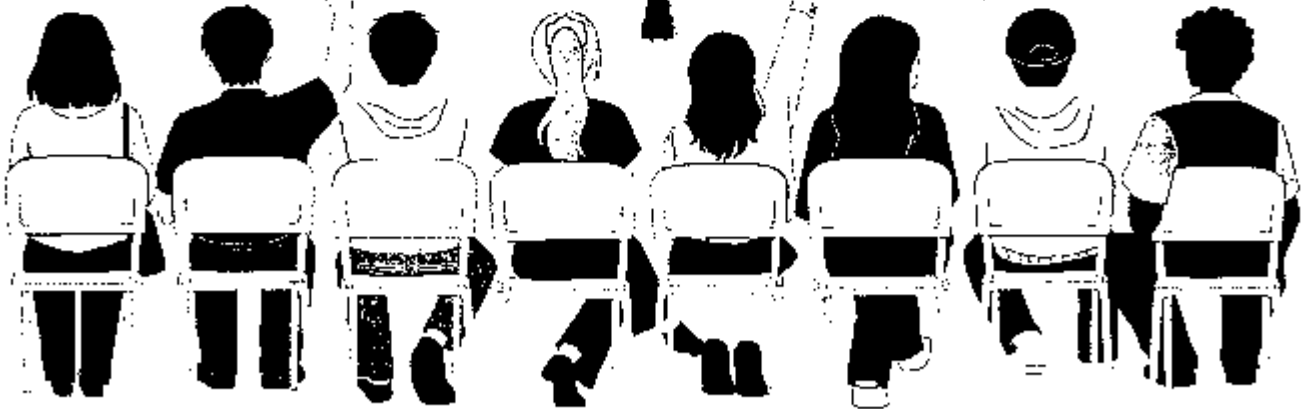
1. 6-20 attendees = \$200.00 (USD)
2. 21-30 attendees = \$300.00 (USD)
3. 31-40 attendees = \$400.00 (USD)
4. 41-50 attendees = \$500.00 (USD)



You can register for this "Watch party" viewing option at [this link](#) or by scanning the QR code.

JULY 3-6 2025

VANCOUVER, BC CANADA



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Grateful in the Desert!



41st Annual Gratitude Dinner!

Earl H. Vista, CA

Fellowship ~ Raffles ~ Live Music

SCAN TO
PAY



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

Neglect, The Elephant in the Room

Continuous Credibility Leads to Integrity

By Rick R.

When we are satisfied that we have given steps one through five our best effort and have identified the most glaring defects of character and shortcomings, it is now time to affect the changes in the most obvious of our faulty thoughts and the behaviors that stem from those thoughts by addressing them in *steps six and seven*. To be successful in this endeavor, we must first get honest with ourselves and begin to *establish some credibility* and by that, I mean *always doing the things we say we are going to do*. We bring most of the basic flaws out in the open as we become aware of them. Then, if we are sure that we are committed to the program, we will want to set in place, principles to live by that cut off our own escape when we stumble and want to revert to that old way of thinking. Most of us do this with the help of a sponsor or a mentor, if you like, and go by the book as best we can. I did what I thought was a thorough job of it, then one day, about thirty years ago, I was trying to park my car in a somewhat crowded parking lot and as I found the spot I wanted there was a shopping cart blocking my way. I got out of my car and moved the cart aside, then parked my car. I then got that shopping cart and pushed it back to the store entrance, then went about my business. From that day on, when parking at any market, I search for a stray shopping cart and take it back to the store just to make up for all the times I shoved one into the flower bed and drove away. After telling that story at meetings over the years, I hear people telling how it is uncomfortable for them to leave the cart adrift in the parking lot, and we all get a big laugh out of it. Neglect, I can tell, the word *neglect* is only mentioned two times in the Big Book (pg. 97 and pg. 129) and two times in the 12&12. (pg. 81 and pg. 151) And seldom, if ever, has it been the topic of a meeting that I can recall. It is like the proverbial *elephant in the room*. As I started to catch myself shirking my responsibilities it became obvious to me that if I wanted to regain some form of self-respect and dignity, I was going to have to put the word *Neglect* on my list of shortcomings and *question my integrity*. Do I do what is right even when there is no one watching? If credibility is *always doing what I say I am going to do*, then *Integrity*, to me, is *a whole bunch of credibility*. To cut off my own escape I do routine things every day, that cost me nothing and the result of that is a clear conscience. If I am doing the little things that I should, I find it much easier to give the big things that same sort of attention. I never throw trash out of the car window, I pick up after myself, I never walk away from my bed in the morning without making it, and I liken that to being an unspoken prayer saying, I will be responsible, I will be orderly, I will be neat, and I will not be neglectful, I will be respectful, I will stay on the unselfish side of the ledger in all of my decisions, I sometimes revisit those pages in the Big Book and the 12&12 and I try my best not to ignore *the elephant in the room*.



"Joining AA was an excellent move, Fenton. But let's not overdo the 'easy does it'!"

C'MON AND JOIN US AT THE DESERT ROUNDUP!

When: June 5 - 8, 2025

Where: RENAISSANCE ESMERALDA RESORT, INDIAN WELLS

BADGE REQUIRED FOR ALL MEETINGS AND INDOOR EVENTS, for more information go to
www.Desertroundup.com (Only certified "Americans with Disabilities Act" Service Dogs allowed)

Thursday	Noon - 7:30 PM	Registration/Badge Pick-up
	8:00 PM	AA Speaker Meeting – Tara E (Fullerton)
	9:30 PM	Ice Cream Social
	9:30 PM	Sing-A-Long/Karaoke
Friday	7:00 AM	AA Participation Meeting
	8:00 AM – 8:00 PM	Registration/Badge Pick-up
	9:00 AM	AA Topic/Discussion Meeting "Daily Reprieve...Contingent On Spiritual Maintenance"
	10:30 AM	Al-Anon Topic/Discussion Meeting "A Checklist For Our Own Maturity – Let's Evaluate"
	12:30 PM	AA Topic/Discussion Meeting "The Problem Of Honesty Touches Nearly Every Aspect Of Our Lives. For Example, The Widespread And Amazing Phenomena of Self-Deception"
	12:30 PM	Al-Anon Topic/Discussion Meeting "PAUSE: Postpone Action Until Serenity Emerges"
	1:45 PM	Al-Anon Topic/Discussion Meeting "We Don't Know What We Don't Know"
	2:00 PM	AA Topic/Speaker Meeting, Ray J, Seamus O "AA History"
	4:00 PM	AA Longtimer's Meeting (Everyone Welcome)
	6:30 PM	AA Young People's Meeting (Everyone Welcome)
	8:30 PM	AA Opening Speaker Meeting – Don L (Bellingham, WA)
	10:00 PM	Ice Cream Social
	10:00 PM	Young at Heart DJ Dance (15+)
Saturday	7:00 AM	AA Participation Meeting
	8:00 AM – 5:00 PM	Registration/Badge Pick-up
	9:00 AM	AA Topic/Speaker Meeting – Todd L, "Sponsorship"
	9:00 AM	Al-Anon Topic/Discussion Meeting – "Staying Off The Crazy Train"
	10:00 AM	Al-Anon Topic/Discussion Meeting – "What's In Your Wallet?"
	10:30 AM	AA Women's Meeting "Our Whole Attitude And Outlook Upon Life Will Change"
	10:30 AM	AA Men's Stag "The Twelve Steps...A Continuous Action"
	11:45 AM	Al-Anon Luncheon – Robin B (Yuba City)
	2:30 PM	AA/Al-Anon Family Meeting – Royal & Suzie O'Husky (Menifee)
	5:30 PM	Al-Anon Topic/Discussion "Love the Kid, Hate the Disease"
	6:00 PM	Banquet/Meeting – Sammie G (Powhatan, VA)
	Approx 7:45 PM	Video Broadcast of Banquet Speaker
	8:45 PM	AA Topic/Discussion Meeting "The Pause Button"
	Approx 9:00 PM	Young in Spirit DJ Dance ((15+)
Sunday	7:00 AM	AA Participation Meeting
	8:15 AM	AA Breakfast/Closing Meeting
	Approx 9:30 AM	AA Closing Meeting (only) – Tom P (Dana Point)

PLEASE JOIN US DURING THE WEEKEND FOR A CUP OF COFFEE, A HOT DOG (or SOME NEW HEALTHY CHOICES, IN OUR HOSPITALITY ROOM... MEET NEW FRIENDS AND DO SOME ONE-ON-ONE SHARING

UPCOMING CONVENTIONS:

51st Annual MAAD Dog Daze, Sept 5 – 7, 2025 (Hilton Doubletree Golf Resort, Cathedral City)

41st Annual South Bay Family Roundup, Aug 29 – Sept 1, 2025 (Sonesta Hotel, Redondo Beach Marina)

73rd Annual Southern California Convention, Sept 5 – 7, 2025 (Westin Rancho Mirage Resort, Rancho Mirage)



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!

June Speaker Schedule



6/7: Maggie B - Palm Springs

6/14: Virginia S - Downey

6/21: Tony L - DHS

6/28: Jeffrey - Palm Springs



NOTE: This meeting will be on hiatus in July and August, returning in September

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

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Central Intergroup of the Desert

Statement of Activity

April 2025

PROFIT & LOSS

Net profit for April

\$1,557

↑ Up 133% from prior month

\$18,182

Income

\$16,624

Expenses

	TOTAL	
	APR 2025	JUL 2024 - APR 2025 (YTD)
Revenue		
Contributions - Conventions		6,019
Contributions - Groups & Individuals	8,822	66,387
Gratitude Dinner		1,184
Interest Income	1	926
Sales	9,359	100,415
Total Revenue	\$18,182	\$174,931
Cost of Goods Sold		
Cost of Goods Sold	6,447	67,329
POS Inventory Adjustment	226	1,323
Total Cost of Goods Sold	\$6,673	\$68,652
GROSS PROFIT	\$11,509	\$106,279
Expenditures		
Accounting Services	1,000	9,500
Bank Charges		15
Computer Expense	542	5,580
Credit Card Fees	347	4,044
Insurance - Health	644	6,069
Insurance - Liability	310	2,553
Insurance - Worker's Comp		1,080
Newsletter Expense	226	2,041
Office Expense	1,107	14,637
Payroll Expenses	4,964	55,393
Plant Expenditures		1,902
Rent		13,871
State Filing Fees		75
Storage	269	2,421
Utilities	542	5,867
Total Expenditures	\$9,952	\$125,050
NET OPERATING REVENUE	\$1,557	\$ (18,770)
NET REVENUE	\$1,557	\$ (18,770)



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Budget vs. Actuals: Budget 2024-2025

July 2024 - April 2025

	TOTAL		
	ACTUAL	BUDGET	OVER BUDGET
Revenue			
Contributions - Conventions	6,019	10,600	(4,581)
Contributions - Groups & Individuals	66,387	65,500	887
Gratitude Dinner	1,184	8,000	(6,816)
Interest Income	926	56	870
Sales	100,415	92,580	7,835
Total Revenue	\$174,931	\$176,736	\$ (1,805)
Cost of Goods Sold			
Cost of Goods Sold	67,329	46,290	21,039
POS Inventory Adjustment	1,323		1,323
Total Cost of Goods Sold	\$68,652	\$46,290	\$22,362
GROSS PROFIT	\$106,279	\$130,446	\$ (24,167)
Expenditures			
Accounting Services	9,500	9,000	500
Bank Charges	15		15
Computer Expense	5,580	5,505	75
Credit Card Fees	4,044	2,500	1,544
Insurance - Health	6,069	6,226	(157)
Insurance - Liability	2,553	2,314	239
Insurance - Worker's Comp	1,080	1,079	1
Newsletter Expense	2,041	6,000	(3,959)
Office Expense	14,637	15,000	(363)
Outreach		1,000	(1,000)
Payroll Expenses	55,393	51,689	3,704
Plant Expenditures	1,902	2,038	(136)
Rent	13,871	16,693	(2,822)
State Filing Fees	75		75
Storage	2,421	2,932	(511)
Utilities	5,867	5,740	127
Total Expenditures	\$125,050	\$127,716	\$ (2,666)
NET OPERATING REVENUE	\$ (18,770)	\$2,730	\$ (21,500)
NET REVENUE	\$ (18,770)	\$2,730	\$ (21,500)

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Contributions - Groups & Individuals

April 2025

	TOTAL	
	APR 2025	JUL 2024 - APR 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		405.09
5th Tradition 7AM Attitude Adjustment Group #100		4,369.89
5th Tradition Dinner Meet Desert Hot Springs		100.00
630 AM PDCC Zoom	135.00	1,954.53
6AM Daily Reprieve - K I S F Desert Hot Springs	200.00	350.00
7PM Mens Online Thousand Palms		50.00
Aging Gracefully in Sobriety		61.51
Alano Club Palm Springs	100.00	1,000.00
Anonymous No Group Given	1,856.75	6,576.27
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	88.00	748.00
Attitude Adjustment-M-S , Palm Desert PDCC		1,209.99
Big Book Study Wed nite J.T.		120.50
Bill's Hour	73.60	73.60
Birthday Contributions	40.00	430.00
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	200.00
CDM Men's Stag-TUE		400.00
Central Intergroup Cathedral City	31.00	189.00
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	509.89	3,428.75
Desert Cities AA Group	1,000.00	1,951.00
Design for Living 101 Group		919.22
Dolls of Valley Palm Desert	141.60	538.39
Double Winners	73.00	452.40
Female Friends Yucca Valley	50.00	130.00
First Things First		278.59
Friday 12&12 Step Study		101.55
Friday Noon La Quinta Library	400.00	928.00
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	82.00	254.00

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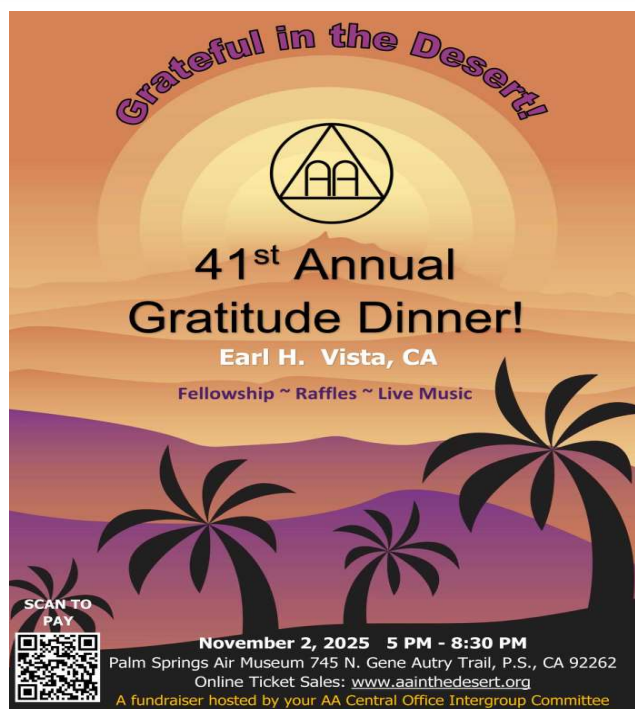
	TOTAL	
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Happy Hour Group Sunny Dunes	925.00	3,162.00
Heritage Palms Wed Nite Women		454.20
Hi Desert Speakers Group 100783 Kelly Ames		515.00
How It Works Palm Desert		120.00
IHOP Overflow Wed. Men's Stag		150.00
Jaywalkers		154.23
JTBP Zoom Thurs Night		54.76
Just the Black Print		1,693.50
Keep It Simple Group Speaker Meeting	250.00	250.00
La Quinta Library Mon. Big Book Study	221.85	1,052.25
La Quinta Library Wed 12 & 12		655.00
Last Call Group 104		477.58
Living Sober Book Study 486898 Palm Desert	171.50	342.50
Living Sober Group-Joshua Tree		30.00
Living Sober Women Sat. La Quinta	50.00	87.00
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		1,850.00
Oxy-Moron Group	50.00	50.00
P.S. Experience 497916 Strength & Hope		54.90
Palm Desert 7 AM Attitude Adj.	214.00	1,456.00
Palm Desert, Step/Tradition Study		523.55
Palm Springs Attitude Adjustment Group Group	50.00	500.00
Playing With A Full Deck Palm Desert		327.16
Primary Purpose Blythe		500.00
Promises		24.00
Recovery after Relapse		200.00
Road Runners		400.00
Round Table Serenity Group		121.00
Rule 62 THU Noon100774		568.50
Santa Rosa Big Book Thump Coachella	25.00	25.00
Saturday 12 & 12	104.00	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
Singleness of Purpose		700.00
Sisters Under the Skin Palm Springs		100.00

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April 2025

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Smoking Jackelope Men Stag		100.00
Sober Divas	175.00	809.00
Sobriety Sisters Palm Desert		58.00
Solid Solutions 74457- TUE		78.00
Spiritual Awakening in A.A.		170.50
Spirituality In Recovery		385.00
Spiritual 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	494.85	2,347.81
Stepping Stones	110.25	390.63
Sun City Ole Time Big Book Study	200.00	497.00
Sunday in the Park		487.96
Sunday Serenity Group	160.00	1,362.00
Sunny Dunes 7am Attitude Adjustment Online Group		434.25
Sunrise Celebrators Palm Desert	92.81	831.40
TGIF Group 611390 Yucca Valley	30.00	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	206.00
Thursday Niters Group		180.00
Tuesday Night Men's Stag Book Study	200.00	525.00
Twilight Step Study	60.62	313.51
Vets for Vets Palm Desert	50.00	100.00
Winners Meeting Palm Springs		133.38
TOTAL	\$8,821.72	\$66,386.74



Join Us!

Come Join us for the next Gratitude Dinner Committee Meeting July6th at Central Office. The meeting is held in-person and online (call the office for ID and Password). There are 14 committee chairs that need members to commit to the planning and commitments at the November 2nd event. Please join us to make this year's event a memorable experience for all in the Fellowship... Especially Newcomers!