



the Desert Lifeline

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of the Desert serving the Coachella Valley.

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Intergroup Meeting

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

Board of Directors Meeting

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

General Service, District 9

3rd Sunday of the month, 4PM

Now Meeting at Central Office

35325 Date Palm Dr.

Suite 107

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Zoom Meeting I.D. 928 8170 4093

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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

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New York, NY 10116-2407

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DCYPAA

Every Sunday 6:00 P.M.

Fellowship Hall 45940 Portola Ave.
Palm Desert

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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

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Principle Eight

1 - Brotherly Love

June Office Statistics

Meeting Info	15
12 Step Calls	1
Visitors	48
Literature Sales	221
Al-Anon	0
Other 12 Step	0
Miscellaneous	36
Business	67
Zoom Attendance	14

Central Intergroup Office of the Desert Board of Directors

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Thank You !!

Bill T.
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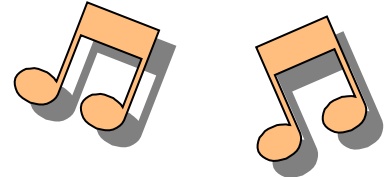
June 2025

Happy Birthday



Victor G.	5 yr.
Daphne F.	7 yr.
Devra R.	9 yr.
Dan S.	14 yr.
Mitch	34 yr.
Shay T.	35 yr.

Christina C.	37 yr.
Nikki J.	39 yr.
Forrest P.	40 yr.
Kenneth J.	44 yr.
Tom O'M	54 yr.



Palm Desert Group Fellowship Hall, Palm Desert

Saturday Night, 8:00 p.m.

8/02	-	Janelle M.	-	1000 Palms
8/09	-	Mike R.	-	Rancho Mirage
8/16	-	Dorothy O.	-	Palm Desert
8/23	-	Jack G.	-	San Diego
8/30	-	Daniel M.	-	Big Bear

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

Friday Night, 8 p.m.

8/01	-	Alan B.	-	West Hollywood
8/08	-	Manny V.	-	Oxnard
8/15	-	Danny S.	-	San Fernando Valley
8/22	-	Tina J.	-	Laguna Hills
8/29	-	Michael R.	-	Valencia

Hi-Desert Speakers - YV Alano Club

57637 Yucca Trail, Yucca Valley

Saturday Night, 7:00 p.m.

8/02	-	<i>Speaker Information</i>
8/09	-	<i>not available at</i>
8/16	-	<i>time of printing</i>
8/23	-	
8/30	-	Open Discussion

Speaker Meetings



Concept Eight

The trustees are the principal planners and administrators of over-all policy and finance. They have custodial oversight of the separately incorporated and constantly active services, exercising this through their ability to elect all the directors of these entities.

The purpose of this concept is to emphasize that the Trustees' job is to devote itself to matters of policy, finance, group relations, public relations and leadership. Bill thought, through past experience, that to try to incorporate them in the routine matters of the business side of our organization would spread them too thin and less effective in the matters of crucial importance.

Their job should be that of "custodial oversight" as opposed to direct executive management. When we tried to overlap them early on, Bill found that the results leaned toward hard and fast "directives" as opposed to "participating decisions". The directors responsible for these operations, namely World Services and the Grapevine, will be elected by the Trustees.

Bill noted that there seemed to be a powerful connection between money and power/authority. It was deemed prudent to leave the money and legal responsibility to the Trustees; the General Service Board shall be responsible for the routine operations.

Brian C
Sunny Dunes Fifth Tradition Group, Palm Springs

Early in sobriety I was talking with my sponsor about how much I disliked "religious people" --- they were so hypocritical, etc. He just kind of smiled and said, "Yeah. I bet you'd like them just fine if you were the pope."

He shouldn't have even put that thought in my head! ME in charge! ME! Oh. I see what he did there.

Thanks to Bruce M.

Overheard in the parking lot after the meeting:

"When your ass is on fire, get it to a meeting. That's where we keep the fire extinguishers!"

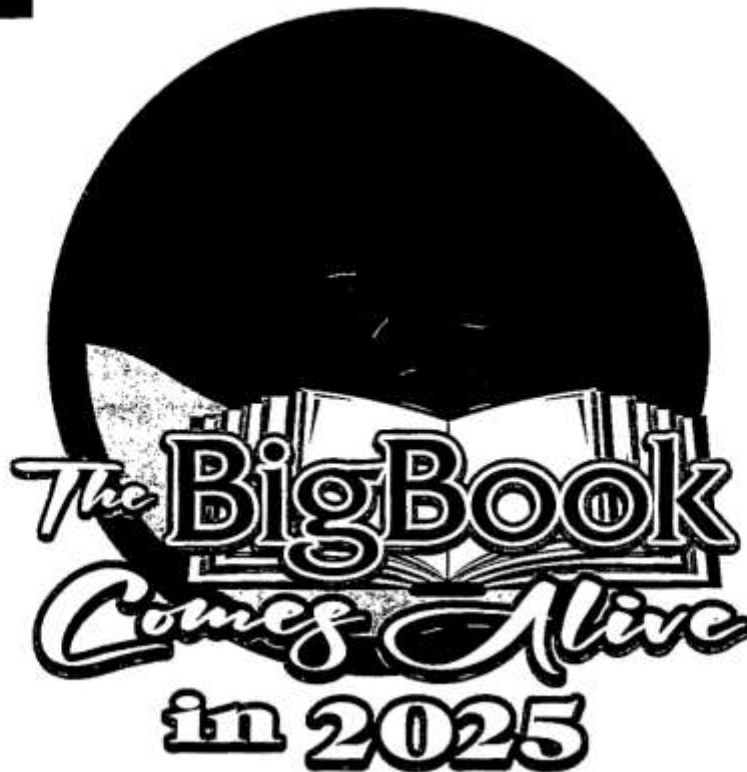
"Alcohol gave me the ability to fit in just about everywhere . . . except in my own skin!"

Thanks to Lindsey

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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**

HOW I COMPILED STEP EIGHT HONESTLY

The Big Book infers that we are to take stock honestly. (p.64). My sponsor took this direction seriously with me because I had **almost slipped** after five months sober. I was informed that my mind was not always honest and that I must appeal to God for help while writing my Step Eight inventory. I was reminded that Bill Wilson wrote about the “*Great Reality deep within!*” (p. 55), and that this would be my source to find the unvarnished truth, rather than my selective thinking. I have now come to believe that this was the same kind of *alco-logical thinking* that so often convinced me to take that first drink!

So, I prayed to God repeatedly—like a mantra. As I wrote, with God’s help, there appeared ever so many memories of people I had harmed. These included seeing my name appearing in the local newspaper, over and over, for public intoxication which had to embarrass my wonderful Christian parents. Also, my younger sister when she entered high school because of the dismal reputation I left behind. I went on a two-week drinking binge during my senior year!

Reviewing this process, I began to realize how dishonest with myself I had been through all those drunken years. It is easy to suppress unpleasant memories, thus avoiding the accompanying guilt. Of course, without guilt, nothing changes!

I will be forever grateful to my sponsor for his direction and Big Book knowledge on this step. We are told not to regret the past nor wish to shut the door on it. (p. 83). I am still susceptible to guilt feelings to a certain degree, but not overwhelmingly. I have done what I can to make things right. Also, we are told about amends we cannot make: “*We don’t worry about them if we can honestly say we would right them if we could.*”

Bob S.
Richmond, IN

Note:

the H& I Committee
AND
the Central Office Intergroup
will **not** meet this month.

The month of
August is too hot to
handle in this and
many other ways!

HEARD IN THE ROOMS

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

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



THE MIDDLE STEPS IN A TIMELY MANNER

Luckily, my sponsor, Carl, allowed me almost no “*let me think it over*” time as we approached my initial middle step process. No time for fear or hesitation was available! Only minutes after praying the Third Step request for God’s help, he had me start a process I call “spontaneous writing” which provided substantive and honest Fourth Step information. I was warned not to write good things about myself because that would take too many pages. Ha!

This “Spontaneous writing” process started on a Saturday, “*at once*,” per page 64 instructions,” and we then completed the Step Four instructions the following Saturday. Carl then helped me actually “read and do” the Fourth Step process directly from the Big Book (PP 64-71). This process lasted about one hour.

The Step Five process of reporting my newly found character defects, etc., began just a few minutes after finishing Step Four (*First opportunity*, page 74), and Step Six began, “*then*,” (p. 76) and Step Seven was prayed at “*When ready*” (p. 76). Steps Four through Seven, were completed in a few hours that last Saturday. Doctor Carl Jung has written: “*People will do anything to avoid facing their own soul.*” Thankfully, my sponsor didn’t give me time to back out. He followed the Big Book timetable!

As years pass and I watch newcomers too often disappear between Steps Three and Four, I have become much more appreciative of the Big Book’s timetable for the middle steps. I believe too much in-between time allows fear and doubt to take over; then, even the sincerest Third Step decision will often deteriorate into indecision and inaction.

Sometimes I hear: “*God will show me when to start my inventory*,” or, “*I plan to take my time and do it right*” . . . and so on. I believe it is good to explain, at this point, that what is missed in Step Four can always be taken care of in Step Ten—even years later when they crop up.

Step Ten is continually redoing of the mid-steps in the “learning” process above! First of all, I had to learn how to fully accomplish the mid-steps—only then could I actually put them into action by following these clear-cut Step Ten directions on page 84:

We continue to watch for selfishness, dishonesty, resentment and fear. (Step Four)

When these crop up we ask God at once to remove them. (Steps Six and Seven)

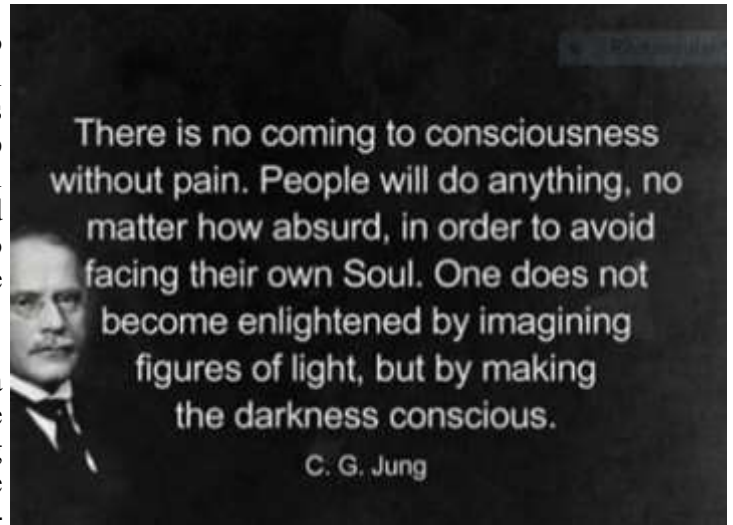
We discuss them with someone immediately. (Step Five)

Make amends quickly if we have harmed anyone. (Steps Eight and Nine)

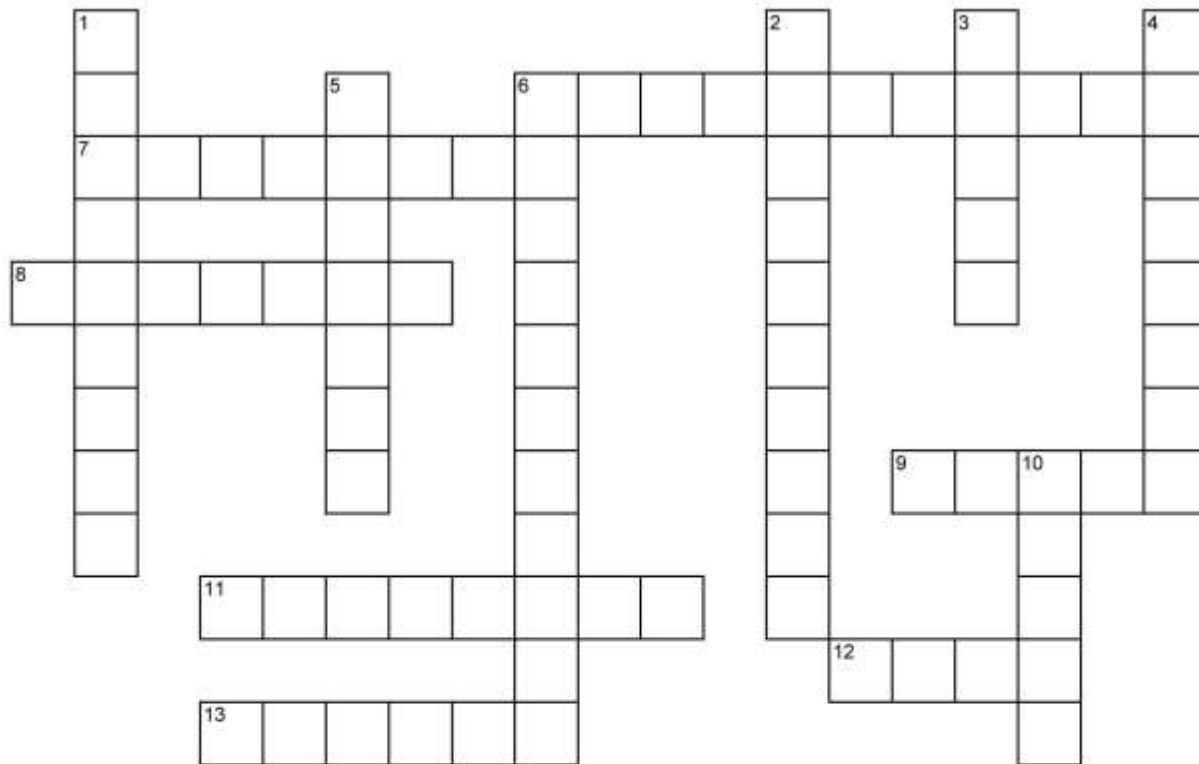
Speaking of a “timely manner” - as in the title of this article - I believe it is important to realize that as I go through my day, to remember that the Step Ten instructions include the phrases: “*at once*,” “*immediately*” and “*quickly*.” Of course, these phrases are to be used in sensible context, for the Big Book infers that God gave me *brains to use*! For instance, not to phone my sponsor at work simply because I have some trivial concern or small problem.

Early on, I thought the above directions were to be done only before going to bed at night. Of course, that came from a mis-reading of the first full paragraph of page 86 which is Step Eleven. I now realize that Step Ten is to be done throughout each day. Living these middle steps, via Step Ten, continually provides relief from the anxiety and fear of my drinking days. But I need to remember that AA is a program of action! ~~

Bob S., Richmond, IN



August 2025



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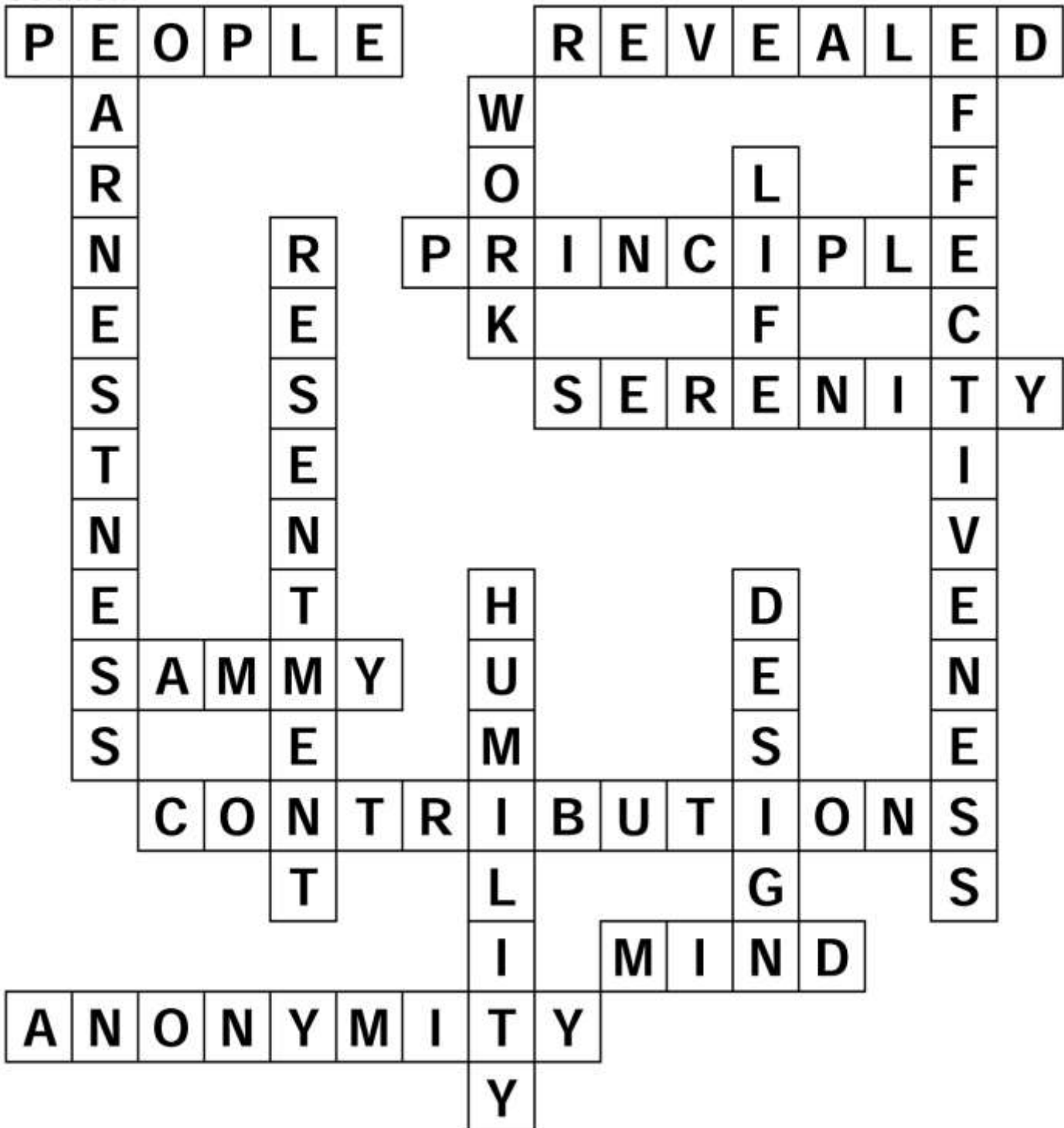
- 6** but the chances are that our own actions are partly _____
- 7** We should be _____, tactful, considerate and humble without being servile or scraping.
- 8** It may mean sharing your money, your home, counseling _____ wives and relatives,
- 9** We often need it to _____ green recruits through a severe hangover.
- 11** those words have proved more visionary than the _____ members could ever have imagined.
- 12** We may lose our position or reputation or face _____, but we are willing.
- 13** after they met a few _____ requirements.

DOWN

- 1** This hope, however, was _____ by the doctor's telling....
- 2** Have we skimmed on the cement put into the _____?
- 3** the minister who _____ over the sins of the twentieth century;
- 4** such things, a feeling of _____ may arise.
- 5** the phenomenon of craving is _____ to this class and never occurs in the average temperate drinker.
- 6** is a most powerful health _____.
- 10** To us, the _____ of Spirit is broad, roomy, all...

July Puzzle Solution

Solution:



I asked my sponsor, "What do you do when you finish working the steps?"
He said, "You lie really still, because you're dead."

Thanks to Bill S.

MY ANSWER WAS NOT ON THE WALL

During my first sober months I was “*just surviving*” on the first three steps; the obsession to drink plagued me every day—repeating the Third Step prayer helped but provided only temporary escape while I obsessively attended AA meetings. I began to preface my prayers with the number of days I had been sober. I believe this helped keep me in focus. However, the terrifying obsession was constant. I was doing the Twelve Steps “off the wall” (Like on pages 59 & 60) which, of course is only a summary; sort of like the Table of Contents of a book—not the actual clear-cut-directions. I was surviving on the fellowship (untreated alcoholism) and a false understanding of the Twelve Steps.

I thought I was living the AA Steps, but I was not!

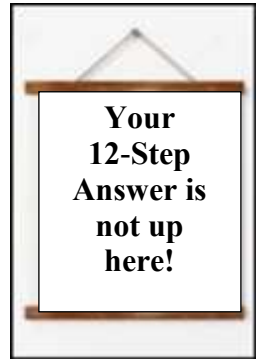
Fortunately, I remained dry for five months, but then I marched into a bar and almost ordered a drink—happily I didn’t! Terrified, I asked a new sponsor, Carl, for help and he immediately took me through the Steps *directly from the Big Book!*

At Step Three I asked God to relieve me of the bondage of self (of course, I had no idea what that was!), but Carl started me on Step Four at once before I had time to change my mind or “*think things over.*” Upon completion of Step Four I came to realize that the basic nature of my bondage of self was rooted in selfishness, dishonesty, resentment and fear. I also learned to use the Big Book tools to face *and be rid of* these destructive ingredients. After Step Five, I knew exactly what to ask God to remove in Steps Six and Seven (after all, it was on paper right in front of me). We then discussed making amends.

Yet, the obsession persisted.

Carl informed me that although learning the AA program of action may provide a certain **relief**, the necessary **release** from the obsession happens only when put in action with the doing of Steps Ten, Eleven and Twelve. Carl was right—I haven’t had to drink since!

Bob S.



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, verifying books available, 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 Eight

*Made a list of all persons we had harmed,
and became willing to make amends to them all.*

I left my sponsors house after reading her my inventory and went home to open the big book to find and follow the instructions for six and seven. After a couple of contemplative hours and really getting in touch with this new found God face to face, I emerge and am now on steps eight and nine. The "cleaning house" steps I have my list it was from step four. I was not directed to look at the list and become willing to make amends to all on the list. The list was too long the offenses too terrifying and the task was too daunting. I was simply asked to pick one and write on what I would say to this person. Then I was to read that to my sponsor she would overhaul it and really teach me what an amends was, what was my part. Then to pray for that person. Then I went, face to face and carry out nine. I was to repeat this with each person and was told that my only job was to be in that list and working on that list each and every day. Which I did.

I was to come upon a few amends that I could not summon the willingness to make. I prayed and prayed and willingness did not come. I read further in the book and I saw where it talked about what happened to those who failed to thoroughly clean house....THEY DRANK!! It was through the acceptance of that stark fact as truth and my sponsor who lead me to the edge of a cliff and said "there is a God and he has a plan, and it is good...now jump!" I grew the wings to soar. The weight of cowardly shame built by years of destructive drinking would dissolve within weeks and I would feel the magic of this program and the faith and courage to look my fellows in the eye. I would stand shoulder to shoulder with those around me. I was finally on my way to joining the human race.

Omie B
Study For Sanity, Fellowship Hall, Palm Desert

There's more to taking the steps than reading that big poster on the wall. When I worked the steps off the wall, I got off the wall results. Thanks to George B.

Did you know that there is a Hispanic Intergroup office in the Coachella Valley? Their phone number is 760.625.9018. Their web site is www.aaintcoachella.org. All Spanish speaking A.A. meetings in the valley are listed only there.

Tradition Eight

Alcoholics Anonymous should remain forever nonprofessional, but our service centers may employ special workers.

Before getting to AA, I had done my fair share of therapy and although all I gained from these efforts was more debt and confusion, I was somehow still convinced that only a professional could help me with my problems. Clearly, I had a perception problem, among bundles of others. When I came to AA I heard people talk about what they used to be like and I was dumbstruck to imagine the possibility that they were telling the truth. The people they were today couldn't have been anymore different than who they claimed they used to be. It was in hearing the experience, strength, and hope of my fellow nonprofessional AA's that I began to believe change could be possible for me too. In all my misery and despair, I was able to grasp a bit of hope as I heard people talk about how, with this program, they walked through one experience after another, pieced their lives back together and became happy members of society. I began to understand that this message of recovery and hope can only be transmitted from one alcoholic talking to another. Keeping our program nonprofessional and without required pay assures that our single purpose is maintained. Because of this I know that it's also my responsibility to share my experience with the newcomer so that they have the opportunity to hear that same message of hope and recovery that I heard when I walked into the rooms - the message that led me to believe that just maybe my life could be a little different and that kept me in the rooms long enough for my life to change for the better.

I have also come to learn, as the second part of this tradition outlines, that there is much service required in AA that is not twelfth step related, but other types of service duties that make it possible for AA's to carry the message. In these cases, such as a manager to oversee a central office, or a secretary to answer phones, AA encourages us to hire special workers that are paid reasonable salaries.

Evelina R
SOCALYPAA

Foiled Plans to Freedom Found

In a haze of numbness, a friend unseen, A lurking phantom, whispering dreams, A subtle presence, a shadow's caress, with promises of solace, it seeks to impress.

But beneath the surface, a dark tale unfurls, A venomous embrace that ensnares and curls, like a serpent's bite, it pierces the heart, A clandestine enemy, tearing lives apart.

The soul, once vibrant, now dances with fate, bound to a friend, who seals their sad state, In the depths of despair, they're slowly consumed, By a companion who leaves them marooned.

Through the sorrowful nights, tears gently stream, the truth remains hidden, like a silent scream, A nameless adversary, deceptive and sly, Unveiling its face as days wander by.

In the grip of this fiend, they stumble and fall, yet in the darkest abyss, hope beckons their call, A glimmer of light, a flicker of grace, Guiding them towards a redemptive embrace.

With courage and strength, they face the unknown, reclaiming their power, they stand on their own, The enemy revealed, its name brought to light, Fentanyl, the deceiver, wrapped in the night.

They break free from its clutches, determined to rise, No longer confined, no longer disguised, In the face of adversity, they choose to fight, to reclaim their spirit, to reclaim their sight.

The path to healing, though riddled with pain, leads them to hope, like a cleansing rain, For every lost soul, there's a chance to amend, From the grips of Fentanyl, the foe, the friend.

In the arms of support, they find their release, A journey of redemption, a search for peace, Through the sorrowful echoes, a new chapter begins, A tale of resilience, where the heart finally wins.

- Chris A.



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 | **Saturday, September 6, 2025** | **Sunday, September 7, 2025**
6pm - 9pm | 7am - 10pm | 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
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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:

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• No Children Allowed at the Banquets or Meetings

• No Pets Allowed Except REGISTERED SERVICE ANIMALS

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



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Hotel Registration—Call (800) 445-3339 and reference

Woman to Woman for Conference Pricing

Standard Room \$185 Bayview Room \$235

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



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)

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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
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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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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)

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Contributions - Groups & Individuals

June 2025

	TOTAL	
	JUN 2025	JUL 2024 - JUN 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		658.09
5th Tradition 7AM Attitude Adjustment Group #100		5,777.03
5th Tradition Dinner Meet Desert Hot Springs		190.00
630 AM PDCC Zoom Joyce Medford	802.62	2,757.15
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	1,200.00
Anonymous No Group Given	485.00	10,901.60
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	62.00	899.00
Attitude Adjustment-M-S , Palm Desert PDCC	237.92	1,447.91
Big Book Study Wed nite J.T.		120.50
Bill's Hour		73.60
Birthday Contributions	3,353.00	4,269.00
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	14.00	233.00
Covert Men's Stag		100.00
Daily Reflections 10AM Women's Zoom	120.00	234.00
Daily Reflections Come As You Are	94.50	373.09
Daily Reflections SUN La Quinta Library		223.00
Daily Reprieve-Daily Palm Desert	214.37	3,977.31
Desert Cities AA Group		1,951.00
Design for Living 101 Group		919.22
Dolls of Valley Palm Desert		538.39
Double Winners	33.00	526.40
Female Friends Yucca Valley		130.00
Friday 12&12 Step Study	192.00	293.55
Friday Noon La Quinta Library		1,169.10
Great Events Yucca Valley	120.00	660.00
Groovy Group	196.00	448.00
Group '48-MON- Palm Springs		100.92
Gut Level Participation Yucca Valley		42.50
Happy Hour Book Study Palm Desert		254.00
Happy Hour Group Sunny Dunes		3,162.00

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June 2025

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	JUN 2025	JUL 2024 - JUN 2025 (YTD)
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	300.00
Jaywalkers		154.23
JTBP Zoom Thurs Night		54.76
Just the Black Print		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		1,031.00
Last Call Group 104		645.90
Live & Let Live Retreat LGBTQ event		700.00
Living Sober Book Study 486898 Palm Desert		342.50
Living Sober Group-Joshua Tree	20.00	50.00
Living Sober Women Sat. La Quinta	49.00	200.00
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		2,250.00
Oxy-Moron Group		50.00
P.S. Experience 497916 Strength & Hope		54.90
Palm Desert 7 AM Attitude Adj.	191.00	1,729.00
Palm Desert, Step/Tradition Study		523.55
Palm Springs Attitude Adjustment Group Group	50.00	600.00
Playing Wlth A Full Deck Palm Desert		327.16
Primary Purpose Blythe	200.00	700.00
Promises		24.00
Recovery after Relapse	368.31	718.31
Road Runners	200.00	600.00
Round Table Serenity Group		121.00
Rule 62 THU Noon100774		568.50
Rush Hour Group		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
Sisters Under the Skin Palm Springs		100.00

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June 2025

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Smoking Jackelope Men Stag		200.00
Sober Divas	75.00	959.00
Sobriety Sisters Palm Desert		58.00
Solid Solutions 74457- TUE		78.00
Solutions in Sobriety Palm Desert	86.12	86.12
Spiritual Awakening in A.A.		170.50
Spirituality In Recovery	295.00	680.00
Spiritual Meeting Yucca Valley		30.00
St. Paul's Tuesday Night Men's Stag	500.00	1,000.00
Stay Connected 9am (Zoom)		1,293.20
Step Sisters Palm Desert	414.50	2,762.31
Stepping Stones		390.63
Sun City Ole Time Big Book Study		497.00
Sunday in the Park		487.96
Sunday Serenity Group	164.00	1,676.00
Sunny Dunes 7am Attitude Adjustment Online Group		434.25
Sunrise Celebrators Palm Desert	75.12	999.50
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	61.51	375.02
Vets for Vets Palm Desert		200.00
Wed. Big Book - Wed Study Group	1,050.00	1,050.00
Winners Meeting Palm Springs		133.38
Women's Q & A Palm Desert	223.38	223.38
TOTAL	\$10,197.35	\$86,083.65

My favorite part is when we hear from the minority opinion. Where else do I get to share MY opinion and YOU might change your mind --- of course, where else am I open enough to hear YOUR opinion, and maybe change MY mind!?!?"

When I took a look at why I had taken those unprincipled actions, I realized that I still had fear of financial insecurity. When I looked at why I have financial insecurity, I realized that it's because I've been trying to fill a God-sized hole with something other than God!"