



the Desert Lifeline

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1st Thursday of the month, 7 p.m.
Zoom I.D. 924 237 7111
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3rd Thursday of the month,
6:30 p.m.

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3rd Sunday of the month, 4PM

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Palm Desert, CA 92261
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Contribution Mailing address
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Every Sunday 6:00 P.M.
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3rd Sunday of the month, 2:00 PM
Yucca Valley Alano Club
57637 Yucca Trail
Yucca Valley, CA 92284
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Yucca Valley, CA 92286-1692

Step

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over alcohol - that our lives had
become unmanageable.

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Concept

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Principle one

Surrender - to give up, abandon, or
relinquish

November Office Statistics

Meeting Info	32
12 Step Calls	1
Visitors	16
Literature Sales	201
Al-Anon	0
Other 12 Step	1
Miscellaneous	43
Business	7
Zoom Attendance	61

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November 2025

Samantha W.	6 yr.
Angela S.	13 yr.
Ed L.	30 yr.
Karen	32 yr.
Jenne	39 yr.



Denise H. 40 yr.
Jana P. 41 yr.
Faith R. 47 yr.
Paulette Q 48 yr.



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

Ten Alcoholics

10 Alcoholics, all in a line.
One got to thinking
--then there were Nine.

9 Alcoholics, one said, "Wait!
A near beer can't hurt!"
then there were Eight.

8 Alcoholics, lookin' up to heaven.
One cut out meetings
--then there were Seven.

7 Alcoholics, doing service for kicks.
One started grumbling
--then there were Six.

6 Alcoholics, glad to be alive.
'Til one smoked pot
--then there were Five.

5 Alcoholics, greeters at the door.
One played the Big Shot
--then there were Four.

4 Alcoholics, for fun and for free.
One's case was "different"
--then there were Three.

3 Alcoholics, knowing what to do.
One rewrote the Big Book
--then there were Two.

2 Alcoholics, having some fun.
One started lying
--then there was One.

1 Alcoholic, talking to HP,
"If only one is sober
--then I'm glad it's me."

“Life Gets Lifey”

I have no more excuses to drink. Life is full of a range of emotions and feelings. I choose to endure my emotions and deal with them in a healthy way rather than numbing them. I am grateful to be able to feel and feel for those around me now. Self –pity and selfishness is something I try to avoid. It kept me sick. I now try to practice gratitude.

Mind of an alcoholic.

In the mind of an alcoholic my thoughts at times are skewed. My disease progresses as each day passes, my brain begins to romanticize the gruesome past. That is why I need to stay in Recovery and practice the steps every day. I am grateful to know that it's my disease talking to me and I am able to fight back. I am beyond grateful to be sober

Raquel 12/29/22

October Volunteers at Central Office

**Adam W.
Amelia F.**

Thank You !!

Bill T.
Bob B.

Forrest P.
Jean K.
Jim B.
John B.
Kathy M.
Mark H.

Miriam L.
Nancy L.
Pavithra S.
Rob H.

Scott H.
Sean T.
Shannan K.
Shoshana S.
Stephen St. L.
Ted St. L.
Teri P.

It's true that life is unfair. I have noticed, however, that it somehow does not bother me as much when life is unfair in **MY** favor!

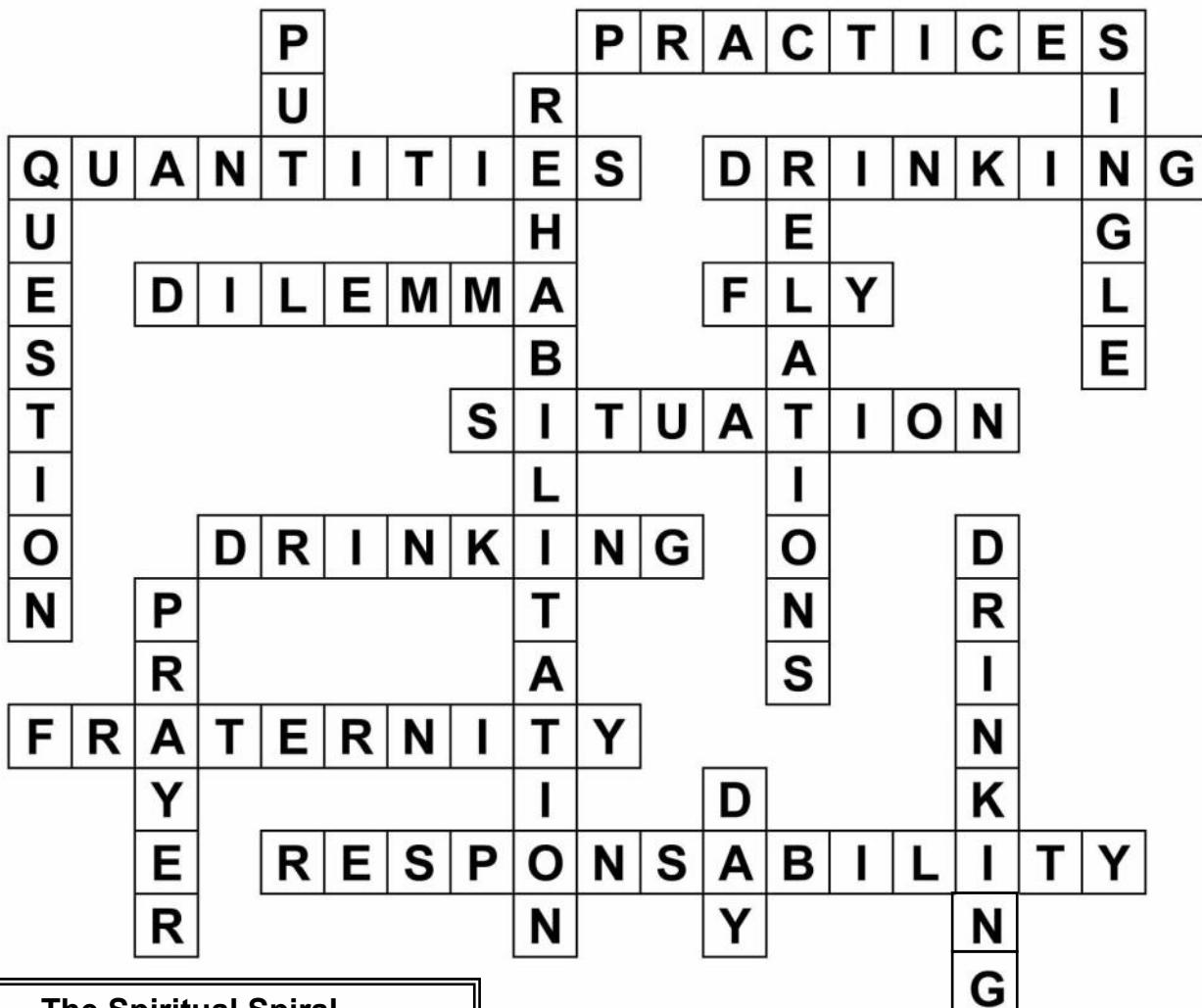
My level of pain is often defined by the difference between how I want things to be and how they really are.

*When you have come to the edge
Of all the light you know,
And are about to step off into
The darkness of the unknown,
Faith is knowing
One of the following two things will
happen:
There will be something solid to
stand on
Or you will be taught how to fly.*

*(forever grateful for Lisa E.
carrying this in her hand to a
new life beyond the edge of her light.)*



December Puzzle Solution



The Spiritual Spiral

I wake up
I give up
I get up

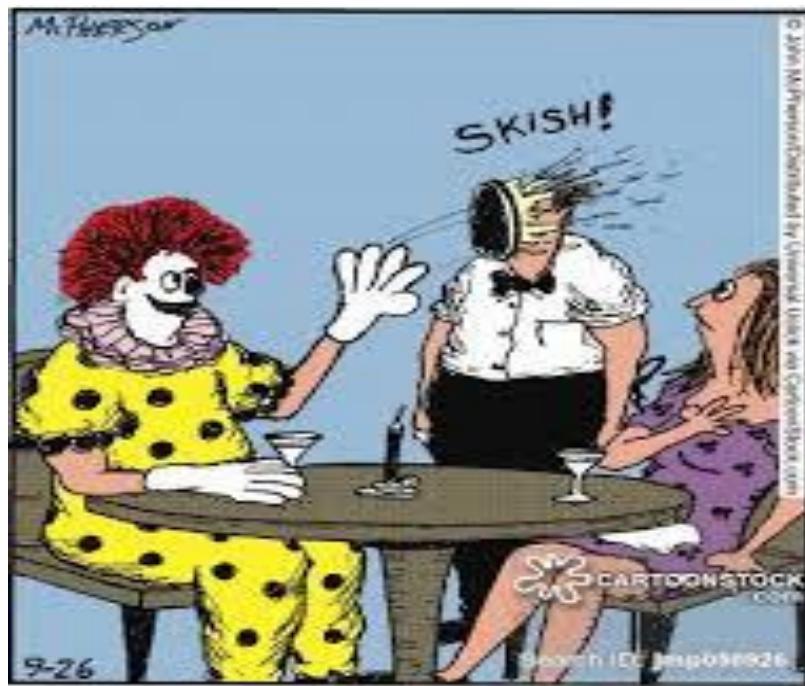
I clean up
I brush up
I make up

I suit up
I show up
I sober up

I listen up
I open up
I grow up

A day at a time,
Dallas Ann E.

Happy, joyous & free!



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

Step One

*We admitted we were powerless over alcohol -
that our lives had become unmanageable.*

My understanding of this step is this:

1. We = I am not alone, others have done this too.
2. Admitted = to accept as true or valid.
3. We Were = past (before walking in the door of AA).
4. Powerless = have lost the battle.
5. Over alcohol = above the drink
6. That our lives = I am not alone, others have done it too.
7. Had = past (before walking in the door of AA).
8. Become = to undergo change or development.
9. Unmanageable = unable to achieve one's purpose.

So when we put them all together, it means that once we make the first step as others have done, we are not alone. We accept the fact that we have lost the battle with alcohol, we cannot change or develop beyond this point, and we are unable to achieve our purpose because alcohol has control over us. Now that we have made this step, we open the door for the second step and are well on our way to gaining back control of our lives.

Lisa K
Friday Night Speaker Meeting, ABC Recovery Center, Indio

When I came back after a slip, a guy said to me: 'I have information for you that might be difficult for you to hear. You are NOT going to stay sober in the fellowship of Alcoholics Anonymous. You are one of those people that is going to have to use the PROGRAM of Alcoholics Anonymous.' --- then he offered to show me the difference.

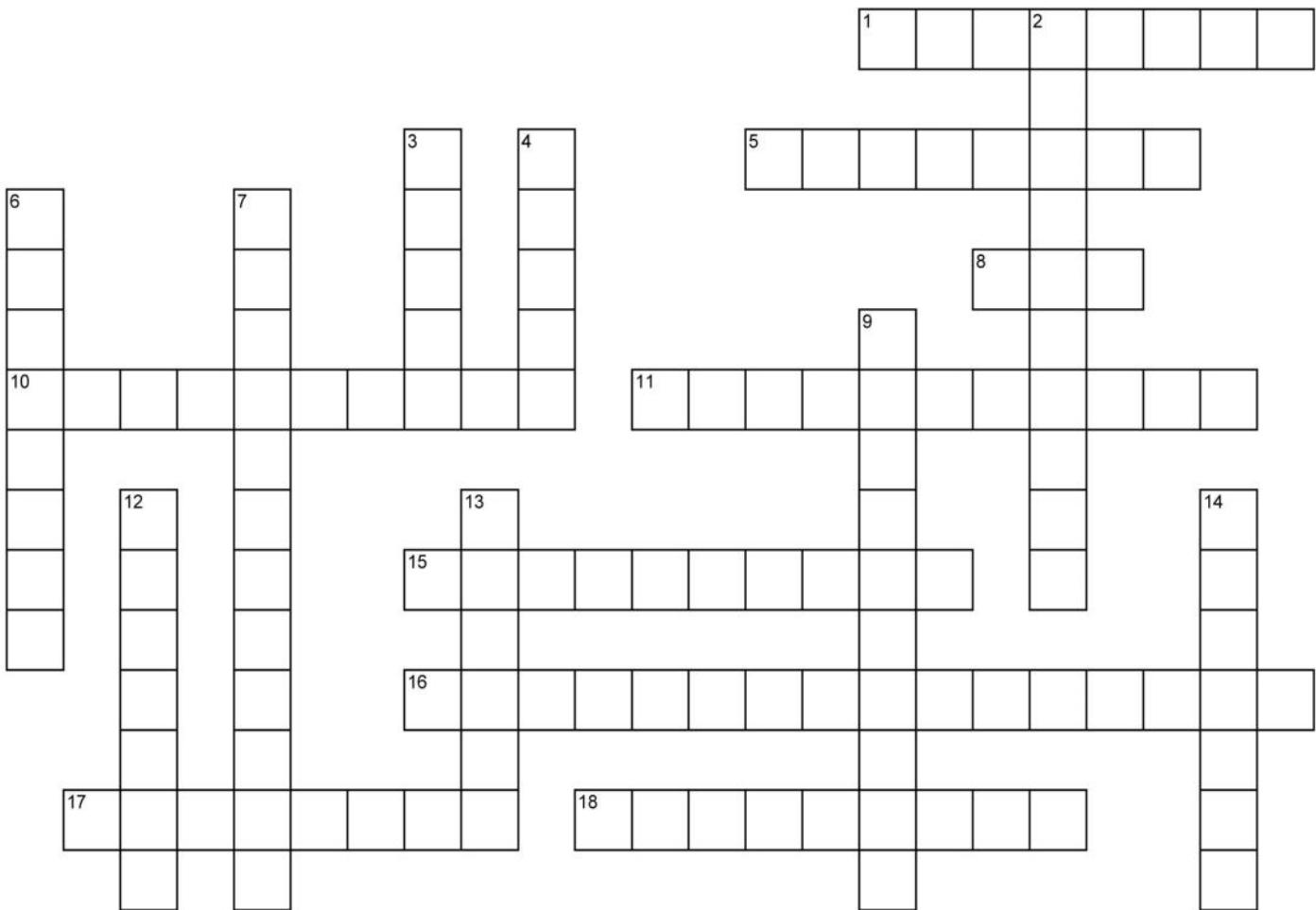
My life is like one of those Jenga puzzles . . . I don't talk to my sponsor for awhile, so it's like taking out a piece of the puzzle and putting it to the side, then I cut back on meetings so I've taken out another piece of the puzzle and put it to the side . . . then I get to a place where my foundation is shaky and I don't know what else I can take out and put to the side without the whole thing falling down around my ears!

I've learned that I can't always control my thoughts but today I don't have to let my thoughts control me.

Bill says in the Twelve and Twelve that Step Six is the Step that "separates the men from the boys."

It has been my experience that Step Nine is the step that separates alcoholics who are willing to go to any lengths, from the alcoholic who is willing to risk drinking again.

Today I am grateful that I don't need to laugh at others . . . I have my own entertainment center sitting on my neck!



www.CrosswordWeaver.com

ACROSS

- 1 smashed treasured ___, and ripped the keys out
- 5 at a table and ordered a _____ and a glass of milk.
- 8 the church, but that won't____ it.
- 10 more how he can drink _____ next time.
- 11 _____ about these may be
- 15 Anonymity is the spiritual _____ of all our Traditions
- 16 frustration , self-pity,_____, and fear.
- 17 the great clean wind of a _____ top blew through
- 18 They are _____ for each individual to

DOWN

- 2 Then we were severely _____ by our husband's parents
- 3 I was to _____ generously in the profits.
- 4 sent a small amount of _____
- 6 we have committed a _____ offense which might land
- 7 even modest and self-_____.
- 9 One of our _____ failed entirely with his
- 12 in meditation that our _____ show us the way of
- 13 it set in _____ trains if circumstances
- 14 or friends to join us in _____ meditation



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WITH AL-ANON PARTICIPATION
RENAISSANCE ESMERALDA RESORT & SPA
JUNE 11, 12, 13, 14, 2026
INDIAN WELLS, CALIFORNIA



ONLINE REGISTRATION OPENS January 2nd through June 5th
TO REGISTER GO TO: www.desertroundup.com
A \$4 convenience fee is charged for all credit card purchases.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Sandy W. (760) 902-9087

Kathy R. (760) 832-2275



**TENTATIVE
SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

Registration Badges Required at all Meetings.

Thursday	Noon -8:15 pm Registration/Badge Pickup 8:00 pm A.A. Speaker Meeting 9:30 pm Ice Cream Social 9:30 pm Sing-along/Karaoke
Friday	7:00 am Golf Tournament 7:00 am A.A. Participation Meeting 8:00 am - 8:45 pm Registration/Badge Pickup 9:00 am A.A. Topic/Discussion Meeting 10:30 am Al-Anon Topic/Discussion Meeting 12:30 pm A.A. Topic/Discussion Meeting 12:30 pm Al-Anon Topic/Discussion Meeting 1:45 pm Al-Anon Topic/Discussion Meeting 2:00 pm A.A. History Meeting 4:00 pm A.A. Longtimers Meeting 6:30 pm A.A. Young People's Meeting 8:30 pm A.A. Opening Meeting 10:00 pm Ice Cream Social 10:00 pm DJ Dance
Saturday	6:30 am 2 Mile Fun Run/Walk 7:00 am A.A. Participation Meeting 8:00 am - 6:00 pm Registration/Badge Pickup 8:30 am A.A. Interview with a Drunk 9:00 am Al-Anon Topic/Discussion Meeting 10:00 am Al-Anon Topic/Discussion Meeting 10:30 am A.A. Mens Stag 10:30 am A.A. Womens Stag 11:45 am Al-Anon Luncheon/Meeting 2:30 pm A.A./Al-Anon Family Meeting 5:30 pm Al-Anon Topic/Discussion Meeting 6:00 pm A.A. Banquet/Meeting 7:30 pm (approx) Video Broadcast - Speaker 8:45 pm A.A. Topic/Discussion Meeting 9:00 pm DJ Dance
Sunday	7:00 am A.A. Participation Meeting 8:15 am Breakfast 9:30 am A.A. Closing Meeting

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Room Rate \$169.00 + Tax + Resort Fee of \$7.00
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Special rates available until room block is filled
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Pool facilities for registered guests only
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Hotel direct line: (760) 773-4444

Important Convention/Hotel Policies:

1. Please register for the convention before making your hotel reservation. Special hotel rates are available only to Roundup attendees from June 8-17, 2026 (three days before and after the event).
2. Room cancellations must be made at least 3 days before arrival to avoid charges. Cancellations made later will be charged one night's stay plus tax.
3. All attendees must be registered and wear badges to enter ticketed events (excluding dances).
4. Tickets are sold on a first-come, first-served basis. Some events will sell out – purchase early for best seating.
5. Group Seating – To sit together as a group, please submit registration forms and payments together. For online registrations, one person should purchase the table(s) for the group.
6. Tickets will not be mailed. Please pick them up at the Pre-Registration Table upon arrival. Receipts will be emailed if a valid email address is provided.
7. Tickets will be sold onsite until events are sold out or registration closes. Only Ice Cream Social and Dance tickets will be available for purchase at the door.
8. No refunds will be issued for canceled events after May 21st. Tickets are transferable or may be donated to a newcomer.
9. Registration fees are non-refundable and non-transferable.

SERVICE ANIMALS are welcome. Personal pets whose function is to provide comfort or emotional support
DO NOT qualify as service animals under the Americans with Disability Act.

THANK YOU for understanding.



ONLINE REGISTRATION OPENS January 2nd through June 5th

TO REGISTER GO TO: www.desertroundup.com

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Onsite Registration OPENS June 11th at noon



CONVENTION REGISTRATION

Name _____ FIRST _____ LAST _____

Address _____

City, State & Zip _____

Telephone () _____

Email _____

Name Tag to Read _____

Group or City _____

AA Al-Anon Guest

Name _____ FIRST _____ LAST _____

Address _____

City, State & Zip _____

Telephone () _____

Email _____

Name Tag to Read _____

Group or City _____

AA Al-Anon Guest

QTY	AMT	TOTAL
Registration	@ \$ 25.00	_____
Fri. Night Dance	@ \$ 5.00	_____
Sat. Al-Anon Luncheon	@ \$ 35.00	_____
Tables of 10	@ \$350.00	_____
Vegan Meals	_____	
Sat. Night Banquet Meeting	@ \$ 60.00	_____
Tables of 10	@ \$600.00	_____
Vegan Meals	_____	
Sat. Night Dance	@ \$ 5.00	_____
Sun. Breakfast/Meeting	@ \$ 35.00	_____
Tables of 10	@ \$350.00	_____
Friday Golf Tournament	@ \$120.00	_____
2 Mile Fun Run/Walk	@ \$ 20.00	_____
Ice Cream Social	@ \$ 5.00	_____

TOTAL ENCLOSED _____

Check No. _____

Cash _____

SPORTING EVENTS

GOLF TOURNAMENT
(Pre-Registration Required)

***DEADLINE: JUNE 5th**
NO ON-SITE SIGN-UP

Tournament - Friday at 7:00 am Shotgun Start/Scramble
Golf Course - Indian Wells Golf Resort - Celebrity Course

6:30 am – Check in and sign waiver at golf course

Name _____ FIRST _____ LAST _____

Email _____

Telephone () _____

Paired With _____

Fee:

1 Day: **\$120**, Tournament Only, Friday (incl. cart)

2 MILE FUN RUN/WALK

(Pre-Registration Required)

Saturday at 6:30 am

Pick up T- shirt and sign waiver at the Hostess/Volunteer Table

Name _____ FIRST _____ LAST _____

Telephone () _____

Fee: **\$20** / includes

Regular T-Shirt S M L XL XXL

or Tank Top S M L XL XXL

If you are paying for more than one person, please include his/her name on a separate enclosure.

For more information call Rick D. (562) 209-0113

TO VOLUNTEER

Greeters/Hospitality/Registration

Meeting Ambassadors

Please go to www.desertroundup.com

For More Information Call Donna D. (818) 497-1097

Make Checks payable to *Desert Roundup*.
Mail to P.O. Box 10128, Palm Desert, CA 92255.

If not mailed before June 1st,
plan to register at convention.

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Tradition One

Our common welfare should come first; personal recovery depends upon A.A. unity.

The long form of tradition one states “we are a small part of a great whole”.

What a change to the old way of life, when we thought so much of ourselves, made drastic, dumb life changes without any help from another person. We did it all by ourselves which brought many of us close to death.

Then we walk through the doors of Alcoholics Anonymous and learn the ‘Great Whole’ is the brothers and sisters of Alcoholics Anonymous of which we become a part.

When so done, AA continues to grow and we learn as a group the AA design for living.

John E
Alkies Only, Sacred Heart Church, Palm Desert

**Before A.A. I judged myself by my intentions,
while the world was judging me by my actions.**

Alcoholics Anonymous, 4th Edition, Acceptance was the Answer, page 418

The Promises of Alcoholism

1. If we are casual with this phase of our development, we will be drunk before we are halfway through.
2. We are going to know a new imprisonment and a new misery.
3. We will relive the past and won't be able to shut the door on it.
4. We will comprehend the word CONFLICT and we will know PAIN.
5. No matter how far down the scale we have gone, we'll sink even lower.
6. That feeling of uselessness and self-pity will deepen.
7. We will gain interest in selfish things and lose interest in our fellows.
8. Self esteem will slip away.
9. Our whole attitude and outlook upon life will SUCK.
10. Fear of people, and of economic insecurity will multiply.
11. We will intuitively know how to run from situations, which never used to bother us.
12. We will suddenly realize that God would never have done to us what we are doing to ourselves.

Are these extravagant promises? We think not! They are being fulfilled among us every day -- sometimes quickly, sometimes slowly. They will ALWAYS materialize if we continue to drink.

Concept One

Final responsibility and ultimate authority for A.A. world services should always reside in the collective conscience of our whole Fellowship.

The Concepts were developed out of necessity, the necessity that our founders were mortal. A structure for the continuance of AA World Service needed to be developed. The Twelve Concepts of World Service is that structure. Concept 1 is based upon Tradition 2 "For our group purpose, there is but one ultimate authority – a loving God as He may express Himself in our group conscience. Our leaders are but trusted servants; they do not govern".

The 12 Concepts gave AA the upside-down triangle to represent the service structure of Alcoholics Anonymous. The triangle depicts how our service structure works, from the individual AA groups (Concept 1) at the top, the District below the groups, then the Area, to the annual General Service Conference at the bottom of the triangle. There will be new service needs and new problems will arise. Structural changes will be necessary and these changes will be driven by the collective conscience of our fellowship (Concept 1), starting with our individual groups consciences.

Paul S
Oxy-Moron Group, Elmer's Restaurant, Palm Springs

Palm Desert Group -
Fellowship Hall, 45940 Portola Ave
Palm Desert
Saturday Night, 8:00 p.m.
01/03 – Adam T. - Santa Monica
01/10 - Nick G. - La Quinta
01/17 – Xenny R. - La Quinta
01/24 - Donald - Palm Desert
01/31— Jeff C. - Culver City

Keep It Simple Group -
St. Margaret's Church
47535 CA-74
Palm Desert
Saturday Night, 7:00 p.m.
01/03 – Sue D. - Palm Desert
01/10 - Lou T. - Palm Desert
01/17 – Gill G. - Rancho Mirage
01/24 - James - Marin County
01/31 - Lisa - Marin County

January Speaker Meetings



Sobriety Capitol of the World Group -
ABC Recovery Center, Indio
44359 Palm St.
Friday Night, 8:00 p.m.
01/02 - Rico C. - Los Angeles
01/09 - Rolando N. - Glendale
01/16 - Tarzana Pacific Group
01/23 - Danny D. - El Segundo
01/30 - Ben F. - Palm Desert

A Power Greater Than Myself
A Program Greater Than My Own
By Rick R.

Never, that I can recall, have I attended a meeting where someone hasn't referred to *his or her higher power*, and as I see it, most people that stay around for any length of time come to some sort of terms with, or understanding of, a power greater than themselves that *works for them*. Once that hurdle is cleared, they seem to settle into a more comfortable way of life. There are also those that come to us with a strong religious affiliation, and they sometimes share that the AA program helps them *to enhance their faith*. Others come here that are *atheist or agnostic*, and the program works for them as well as it does for anyone else. Then there are those who, for whatever reason, have trouble clearing those hurdles and sometimes spend years *struggling with this issue of, God as we understand him*.

I believe that as long as AA exists, we will witness these kinds of quandaries in new members who are conditioned by the environments from which they came, and I don't claim to have a surefire answer to what makes us different, other than what I have learned about myself, and how I have come to see things as I attempt to resolve my own mental blocks. I know that I was biased when I first entered the program probably due to my failed attempt at religion as a child. This had little to do with religion but more to do with the fact that I had not mentally evolved enough to understand it at the age of six. Fortunately for me I recognized, early in my sobriety, that I could take the steps of the program with the minimum understanding of God, or a higher power, after all, that's what it tells me in the Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions (12&12). It says that even an atheist got through the hoop with room to spare.

I was at a meeting recently when a member was trying to articulate how he had come to terms with his faith in a higher power and as he was poking fun at himself trying to fit it all together and make sense of it so everyone could understand, he finally threw his hands up in the air and said, with a smile, "Well, that's how it works for me". We all joined him in laughter because we have seen it so many times before. As I was listening to him, *a thought came to me* as the result of what he shared, and as we were leaving the meeting, I was following closely behind him, I offered *that thought to him*. I said, "Maybe if, instead of calling it A Power Greater Than Myself, we could just refer to it as A Program Greater Than My Own". He laughed and said, "That's what I was trying to say.

It's clear to me now, that it wasn't as important to identify what or who God is, or what my concept of a power greater than myself was at the time. I found it more important at the time to proceed through the rest of the program and do the things that are suggested. The main thing that I had to do was to accept outside input, especially when it is based on sound, well-established principles. Many successful people in the program have come to understand the concept of a higher power in that way. Sometimes it's hard to grasp it all at once. Don't let that stop you. I would encourage anyone who is having trouble with this issue to consider the "Program Greater Than My Own" idea. Time and experience will help you along the road to understanding. After all, even the militant atheist cleared the hoop with room to spare.

Book of the month

\$17.00

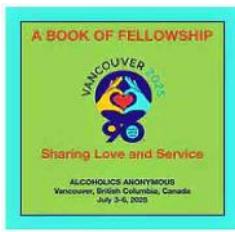
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A Book of Fellowship

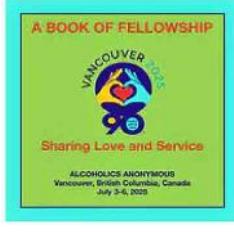
90 Years of Sharing and Service

Normally \$20.00 - this month \$17.00

The 2025 International Convention Souvenir book, "A BOOK OF FELLOWSHIP: 90 Years of Love & Service" is a lavishly illustrated celebration of our Fellowship, its vibrant history, and A.A. around the world today. In these full-color pages, you'll read the inspiring stories of Bill W., Dr. Bob, and the early A.A. s who spread the



word of Alcoholics Anonymous, one alcoholic to another, in ever-widening circles. A treasure trove of archival and new material, this autograph book-size volume brings to vivid life the message of Recovery, Service and Unity that lies at the very heart of our program. Including blank pages for notes and autographs, "A BOOK OF FELLOWSHIP: 90 Years of Love & Service" will make a one-of-a-kind keepsake of the 2025 Vancouver Convention. In English.



CONCEPTS CHECKLIST

A service piece for home groups, districts, areas

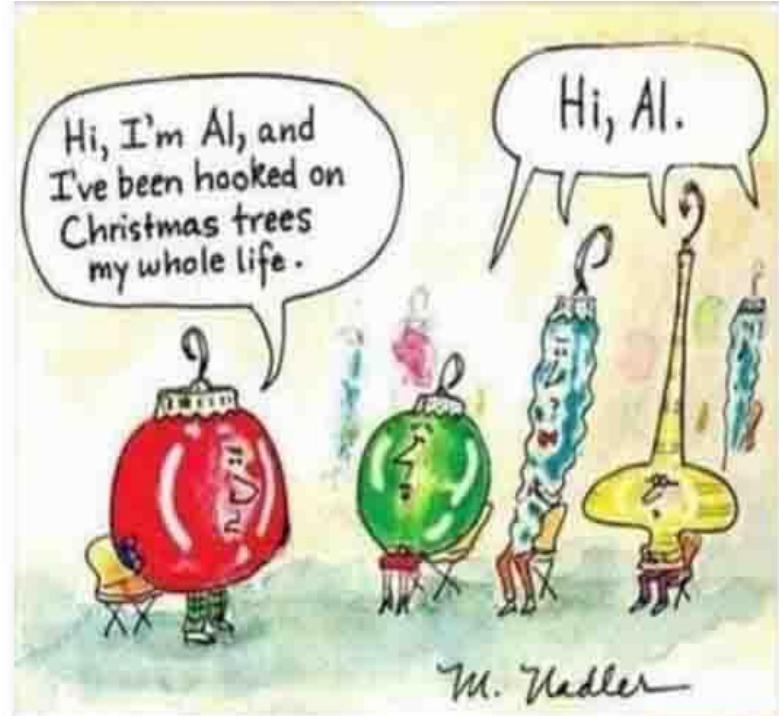
Some of these discussion points were originally developed by an A.A. group and further developed by the trustees' Literature Committee to be distributed by the General Service Office. While this checklist is intended as a starting point for discussion by groups, districts or areas, individual A.A. members may find it useful along with our cofounder Bill W.'s writings, a service sponsor if you have one and reflection on your own service experience. Additional information about the Concepts can be found in The A.A. Service Manual/Twelve Concepts for World Service and "The Twelve Concepts Illustrated" pamphlet.

(The Concepts stated here are in the short form.)

Concept One

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- Does our group have a general service representative (G.S.R.)? Do we feel that our home group is part of A.A. as a whole and do our group's decisions and actions reflect that?
- Do we hold regular group conscience meetings encouraging everyone to participate? Do we pass that conscience on to the district, area, or the local intergroup meetings?
- Is the "collective conscience" of Alcoholics Anonymous at work in my home group? In my area?
- Where do we fit in the upside-down service triangle of A.A.?
- Are we willing to do what it takes to insure that our democracy of world service will work under all conditions?



My sponsor says the good thing about procrastination is that you always have something planned for tomorrow.



I'd like another drink I think
Another drink to make me pink
I think I'll drink until I stink
I'll drink until I cannot blink

Perhaps I'll have a shot of rye
The rye I spy with my own eye
Some rye to make me fly so high
I think that I can touch the sky

Or maybe I will have some rum
It's not so dumb to want some rum
I'll drink and fall upon my bum
Or maybe contemplate my thumb

Some vodka would be very nice
Or wine, or maybe scotch on ice
Perhaps Kahlua would entice
I'll drink it once, I'll drink it twice

Perhaps some gin to make me grin
It's not a sin to want some gin
A 26 will make me spin
And then I will begin again

I want some beer to make me cheer
Hurrah! Hurrah! A cheer for beer!
I will not stick it in my ear
Hurrah! Hurrah! I'm here for beer!

I'll drink with my friends Jack and Ron
I'll drink until my liver's gone
I'll invite Sam and Bud and you
And Captain Morgan can come, too

I'm loaded now, I have to go
My brain is working very slow
There's just one thing I need to know:
Where is the can? I have to go!

By Dr. Souse

The Okey Dokey Bonfire is lit



The Okey Dokey Bonfire meeting is the 2nd Saturday of every month. It only gets canceled if it's raining. The barbecue starts at 5:00 PM, sides provided. Bring something to grill. We light the fire at 6:00 for a meeting. 63245 Santa Rosa Drive, Mountain Center, it's really in Pinyon Pines, 16 miles up highway 74. You can call or text David at 442-241-5208 for information. Dates listed below.

- January 10th
- February 14th
- March 14th

In April we will be changing times along with Daylight Savings Time.
Oh yeah, there will be smores



Central Intergroup of the Desert

Statement of Activity

October 2025

PROFIT & LOSS

Net profit for October

\$10,797

\$27,668

Income

\$16,871

Expenses

	TOTAL	OCT 2025	JUL - OCT, 2025 (YTD)
Revenue			
Contributions - Groups & Individuals	5,512	5,512	24,379
Gratitude Dinner	13,505	13,505	31,648
Interest Income	1	1	7
Sales	8,650	8,650	39,868
Total Revenue	\$27,668	\$27,668	\$95,904
Cost of Goods Sold			
Cost of Goods Sold	4,804	4,804	22,819
POS Inventory Adjustment	(59)	(59)	(1,108)
Total Cost of Goods Sold	\$4,745	\$4,745	\$21,711
GROSS PROFIT	\$22,923	\$22,923	\$74,193
Expenditures			
Accounting Services	1,000	1,000	4,000
Computer Expense	548	548	2,192
Credit Card Fees	410	410	1,499
Insurance - Health	713	713	2,532
Insurance - Liability	310	310	1,240
Newsletter Expense	301	301	1,001
Office Expense	1,214	1,214	5,172
Outreach			75
Payroll Expenses	4,964	4,964	22,645
Rent	1,728	1,728	6,911
Storage	269	269	1,076
Utilities	669	669	2,782
Total Expenditures	\$12,126	\$12,126	\$51,126
NET OPERATING REVENUE	\$10,797	\$10,797	\$23,067
NET REVENUE	\$10,797	\$10,797	\$23,067

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Budget Report

July - October, 2025



		TOTAL	
	ACTUAL	BUDGET	OVER BUDGET
Revenue			
Contributions - Conventions		5,000	(5,000)
Contributions - Groups & Individuals	24,379	25,500	(1,121)
Gratitude Dinner	31,648	8,000	23,648
Interest Income	7	450	(443)
Sales	39,868	37,000	2,868
Total Revenue	\$95,904	\$75,950	\$19,954
Cost of Goods Sold			
Cost of Goods Sold	22,819	24,050	(1,231)
POS Inventory Adjustment	(1,108)		(1,108)
Total Cost of Goods Sold	\$21,711	\$24,050	\$ (2,339)
GROSS PROFIT	\$74,193	\$51,900	\$22,293
Expenditures			
Accounting Services	4,000	4,000	0
Computer Expense	2,192	2,170	22
Credit Card Fees	1,499	1,422	77
Insurance - Health	2,532	2,575	(43)
Insurance - Liability	1,240	1,237	3
Newsletter Expense	1,001	900	101
Office Expense	5,172	6,000	(828)
Outreach	75	400	(325)
Payroll Expenses	22,645	22,645	(0)
Plant Expenditures		166	(166)
Rent	6,911	6,912	(1)
Storage	1,076	1,076	0
Utilities	2,782	2,940	(158)
Total Expenditures	\$51,126	\$52,443	\$ (1,317)
NET OPERATING REVENUE	\$23,067	\$ (543)	\$23,610
NET REVENUE	\$23,067	\$ (543)	\$23,610



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

Central Intergroup of the Desert**Contributions - Groups & Individuals**

October 2025

	TOTAL	
	OCT 2025	JUL - OCT, 2025 (YTD)
12&12 Men's Stag Monday Night	250.00	250.00
3rd 7th 11th Step Meeting		288.40
630 AM PDCC Zoom Joyce Medford	260.00	520.00
Aging Gracefully in Sobriety	60.74	60.74
Alano Club Palm Springs	200.00	400.00
Anonymous No Group Given	257.80	3,379.24
As Bill Sees it Sunny Dunes 830AM		380.39
As She Sees It La Quinta	116.00	240.00
Big Book Study L Quinta Library		372.92
Bill's Hour		82.25
Birthday Contributions		98.00
Black Sheep Group		250.00
Central Intergroup Cathedral City	26.00	80.36
Daily Reprieve-Daily Palm Desert	333.90	1,153.86
Desert Cities AA Group		2,732.00
Dolls of Valley Palm Desert		142.86
Double Winners	30.00	161.95
Female Friends Yucca Valley	75.00	125.00
Friday Night Big Book Study 29 Palms		100.00
Friday Noon La Quinta Library		354.00
Happy Hour Book Study Palm Desert	70.00	154.00
Happy Hour Group Sunny Dunes		816.00
It's A Better Deal Yucca Valley		50.00
Jaywalkers Monday Men's Stag 1000 Palms	48.90	133.80
Just the Black Print		579.32
La Quinta Library Wed 12 & 12	212.29	212.29
Last Call Group 104	183.75	349.52
Living Sober Group-Joshua Tree		10.00
Living Sober Women Sat. La Quinta	150.00	209.00
Men's Marauders	112.20	112.20
Men's Stag Book Study		100.00
Mid Day Group 00419671	628.26	628.26
Monday Daily Reflections 29 Palms		125.00
No Matter What Women's Group		133.51
No Rules La Quinta		900.00
Ojai Women's Meeting		21.35
One Day At a Time 509245 Palm Desert	176.50	176.50
Oxy-Moron Group		100.00
Palm Desert 7 AM Attitude Adj.	214.00	788.00
Palm Desert Saturday Speaker's		50.00
Palm Springs Attitude Adjustment Group Group		75.00
Playing Wlth A Full Deck Palm Desert		245.60
Ray's Wed. Nite Meeting Joshua Tree		183.26

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Contributions - Groups & Individuals

October 2025

	TOTAL	
	OCT 2025	JUL - OCT, 2025 (YTD)
Recovery after Relapse	169.42	169.42
Santa Rosa Messengers Coachella	30.00	30.00
Saturday 29 Palms 12 & 12		286.00
Serenity Seekers Palm Desert		240.00
Singleness of Purpose Men's Stag		880.00
Smoking Jackelope Men Stag		200.00
Sober Divas	75.00	300.00
Solutions in Sobriety Palm Desert		76.38
Spritual Meeting Yucca Valley		40.00
Stay Connected 9am (Zoom)	581.03	581.03
Step Sisters Palm Desert	314.00	314.00
Stepping Stones	104.12	231.12
Sun City Ole Time Big Book Study		244.50
Sunday Serenity Group	117.00	378.00
Sunny Dunes 5th Tradition 7AM Att. Adj. Group #100		1,776.61
Sunny Dunes 7am Attitude Adjustment Online Group	640.25	640.25
Sunrise Celebrators Palm Desert	75.68	357.42
Thursday Night Discussion 29 Palms		150.00
Tuesday Gut level		60.00
Vets for Vets Palm Desert		50.00
Winners Meeting Yucca Valley		50.00
TOTAL	\$5,511.84	\$24,379.31



What Self-centeredness looks like in a meeting of Alcoholics Anonymous.

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