



# the Desert Lifeline

February 2026

A publication of the Central Intergroup Office  
of the Desert, serving the Coachella Valley.

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## Intergroup Meeting

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

## Board of Directors Meeting

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

## General Service, District 9

3rd Sunday of the month, 4PM  
Now Meeting at Central Office  
35325 Date Palm Dr.  
Suite 107  
Cathedral City, CA 92234

Zoom Meeting I.D. 928 8170 4093  
Password: 642408

Mailing Address: P O Box 3684  
Palm Desert, CA 92261-3684

## Hospitals & Institutions

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

## Mid-Southern California Area (MSCA)

PO Box, 51446, Irvine CA 92619-1446  
Web site: [www.msca09aa.org](http://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](http://www.aa.org)

## DCYPAA

Every Sunday 6:00 P.M.  
Fellowship Hall 45940 Portola Ave.  
Palm Desert  
Email: [webmaster@dcypaa.com](mailto:webmaster@dcypaa.com)

## General Service, District 30

3rd Friday of the month, 6:00 PM  
Yucca Valley Alano Club  
57637 Yucca Trail  
Yucca Valley, CA 92284  
Mailing Address: P O Box 1692  
Yucca Valley, CA 92286-1692

## Step

Came to believe that a Power  
greater than ourselves could  
restore us to sanity.

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## Tradition

For our group purpose there is  
but one ultimate authority -  
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## Concept

The General Service Conference of  
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practical purpose, the active voice  
and the effective conscience of our  
whole society in its world affairs.

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# Principle TWO

**Hope** - The feeling that what is wanted can be had  
or that events will turn out for the best; to believe,  
desire, or trust.

## December Office Statistics

Meeting Info	26
12 Step Calls	1
Visitors	57
Literature Sales	223
Al-Anon	0
Other 12 Step	4
Miscellaneous	31
Business	7
Zoom Attendance	61

## Central Intergroup Office of the Desert Board of Directors

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**Thank You !!**

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**Thank You !!**

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**Ted St. L.**  
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## December 2025

Jim Z. 9 yr.  
 Anita 15 yr.  
 Kathy F. 27 yr.  
 Jerry 28 yr.  
 Loretta 31 yr.  
 Pricilla C. 38 yr.

## Happy Birthday



Valya K. 38 yr.  
 Loren A. 39 yr.  
 Paulette Q. 48 yr.  
 Char A. 43 yr.  
 Randy K. 44 yr.  
 Madeleine R. 53 yr.



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

## Tradition Two

*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.*

Tradition Two was, and is, intended to remove ego and personal authority from the day to day operation of the A.A. Group. Each group is a fellowship of equals. No matter what an individual member's background, education, or professional expertise, no member has authority "over" the group. In this way, the fellowship reaches out to all who would seek comfort. The group should provide an atmosphere or a sense of "being a part of" to all members who seek relief from the disease of alcoholism.

Tradition two clearly states that "Our leaders are but trusted servants; they do not govern" Therefore we are required to have leader's for each group, and these leader's or committee's should be made up of members from the group, elected by members of the group and should rotate on a regular basis, lest problems of authority rear up among the members of group.

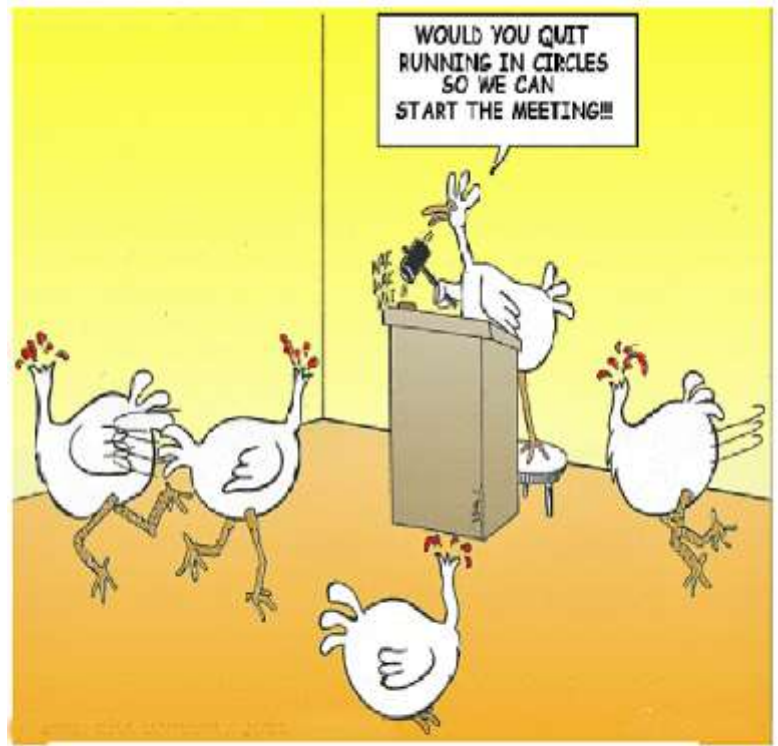
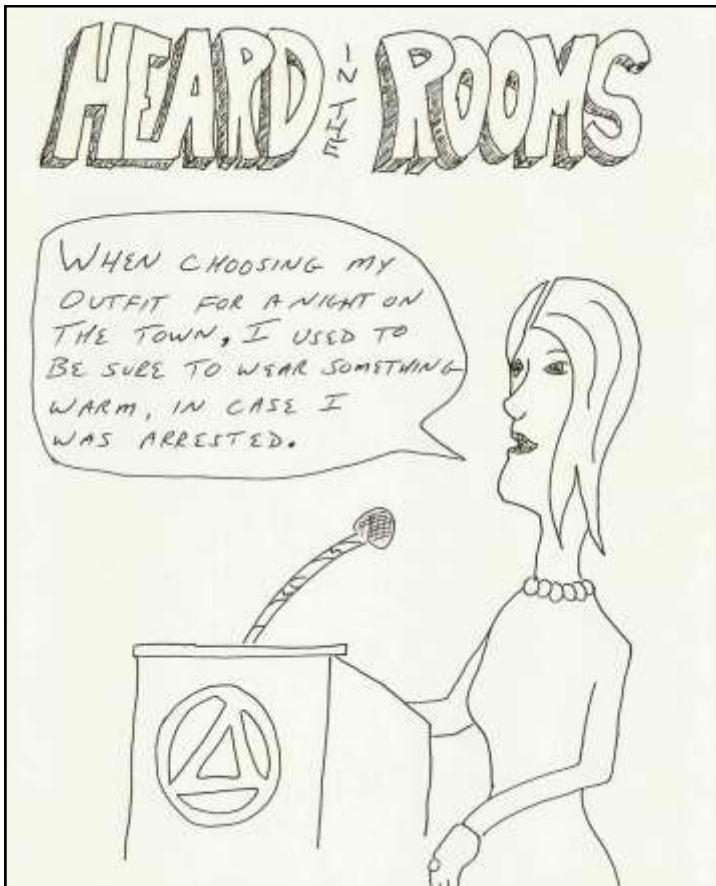
In my personal experience, I have been of service in the A.A. Group on many different levels from greeter to cookie person, secretary, treasurer, and so on. I have always been nominated, elected or took the "A.A. Express" into each position in which I have been of service, and at the end of that term I have graciously stepped down in the spirit of Tradition Two (whether I wanted to or not). In my humble opinion, it is rotation at the level of leadership or committees that keeps the A.A. Group from becoming stagnated and preventing growth at the personal level of both trusted servant and member.

Being of service as a trusted servant has been the ride of my life, and one that I hope to continue for many years into the future. However I always need to remember that as a trusted leader I am only a servant here, one day at a time, participating to ensure my sobriety. It is my actions as a member of A.A., the will of God, and the conscience of the groups I serve, that I continue to be a trusted servant.

As members of A.A. we are to share our personnel experience strength and hope with one another that we may solve our own problems and help another member stay sober. As a trusted servant and a participating member of Alcoholics Anonymous, I wish you service in sobriety.

Jerald W.  
DHS Primary Purpose Group





At The Monday Night Meeting Of Chickens With Their Heads Cut Off Anonymous Meeting



## February Speaker Meetings

### Keep It Simple Group -

St. Margaret's Church

47535 CA-74

Palm Desert

Saturday Night, 7:00 p.m.

02/07 – Angela S. - Palm Desert

02/14 - Bridget B. - Los Angeles

02/21 – Pat Y. - Seal Beach

02/28 - Sam F. - Los Angeles

### Sobriety Capital of the World

44359 Palm St. - Indio

Friday Night, 8 p.m.

2/06 Danny L. - Fullerton

2/13 Anya A. - San Pedro

2/20 Andrew C. - Los Angeles

2/27 Nigel B. - Coachella Valley

### Palm Desert Group -

Fellowship Hall,

Palm Desert

Saturday Night, 8:30 p.m.

02/07 David B. - Thousand Palms

02/14 David B. - La Quinta

02/21 Bonni R. - Desert Hot Springs

02/28 Sherl B. - Palm Desert



## Concept Two

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“The groups of Alcoholics Anonymous are the ultimate authority. In order for all groups to be heard at the General Service level, General Service Representatives (GSR) are elected for each group so that they can take the voice of their group to Area Assemblies several times a year. From there, an appointed Delegate for the Area takes the voice of all the Area groups and represents us yearly at the General Service Conference in NYC where the spirit of A.A. Traditions are observed and kept in tact.”

Linda D.  
Sunny Dunes 5th Tradition Group



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...



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.

## Being Honest with Myself

### The Denial Within Me Was Gone

By Rick R.

Years before I came to AA, I was aware that there was something dreadfully wrong with me but not one person ever suggested that I might be an alcoholic or that I should try AA. Perhaps that was due to the denial of the people around me that drank like I did. Suggesting that I had a problem with alcohol would mean outing themselves and others. Looking back on it now, I feel fortunate that I survived those last few years of failed attempts at life and when I ran out of options, I came to AA looking for answers. The denial within me was gone. My mind was open and for the first time in my life I was *desperate*, and I was *listening*. At my first AA meeting I was moved by what I heard. It was different than anything I had experienced before. The people were *being honest and candid about things that only brought shame and guilt to me in the past. I felt safe for the first time in my life* and could discuss those things openly, that had been taboo up until then. Prior to that, everything in my life was a façade. At that moment On October 15, 1969, my *perception* of the world had changed, and I have not wanted a drink since. Call it a *Spiritual Awakening* if you like, and it was for me, but it came in the form of a *Profound Change in Perception*. In appendices 2, in the Big Book, (Alcoholics Anonymous) it describes a man who had “*undergone a profound alteration in his reaction to life*”. I began to question all the decisions I had made in the past, and how the residue of those decisions had tarnished and eroded any chance of a successful, happy life. I became aware that the *values system* that I had learned as a child, at church and at the Boy Scout meetings etc. was lost in the dust and was *replaced with guilt and shame*. I was in trouble when I violated *my own value system*. I now realize that I was not a bad kid, but I was a child that was not strong enough to do the things I knew to be right. The more I broke the rules, the easier it became, and *moral standards were meaningless*. Soon drinking was the only thing that eased my conscience. When that quit working for me, I found myself at the door of AA. Once I had that *change of perception*, I knew what to do. It may be as simple as “trying to stop doing the things that I regret” but the key to it all is “*Being honest with myself,*” and never going back to my old way of thinking. I said that I was fortunate to have survived those last few years of drinking and that I came to AA looking for answers. Being desperate enough to ask for help was the most important part of that experience. I do not believe that anyone could have convinced me to stop drinking against my will. I may have stayed dry long enough to get the heat off, but I doubt that I would have *surrendered to the degree necessary to have that change of perception and therefore no spiritual awakening*. Getting off in the right direction from the start was especially important to any success I have had in AA. I know that I only live once, and *I do not want to waste one moment of the precious life God gave me*. Today, as I continue to practice all the things I have learned in the Program, it has resulted in a peace of mind that was unimaginable when I first walked through the doors of Alcoholics Anonymous and, for that, I am extremely grateful.

## Book of the month

# “Came to Believe”

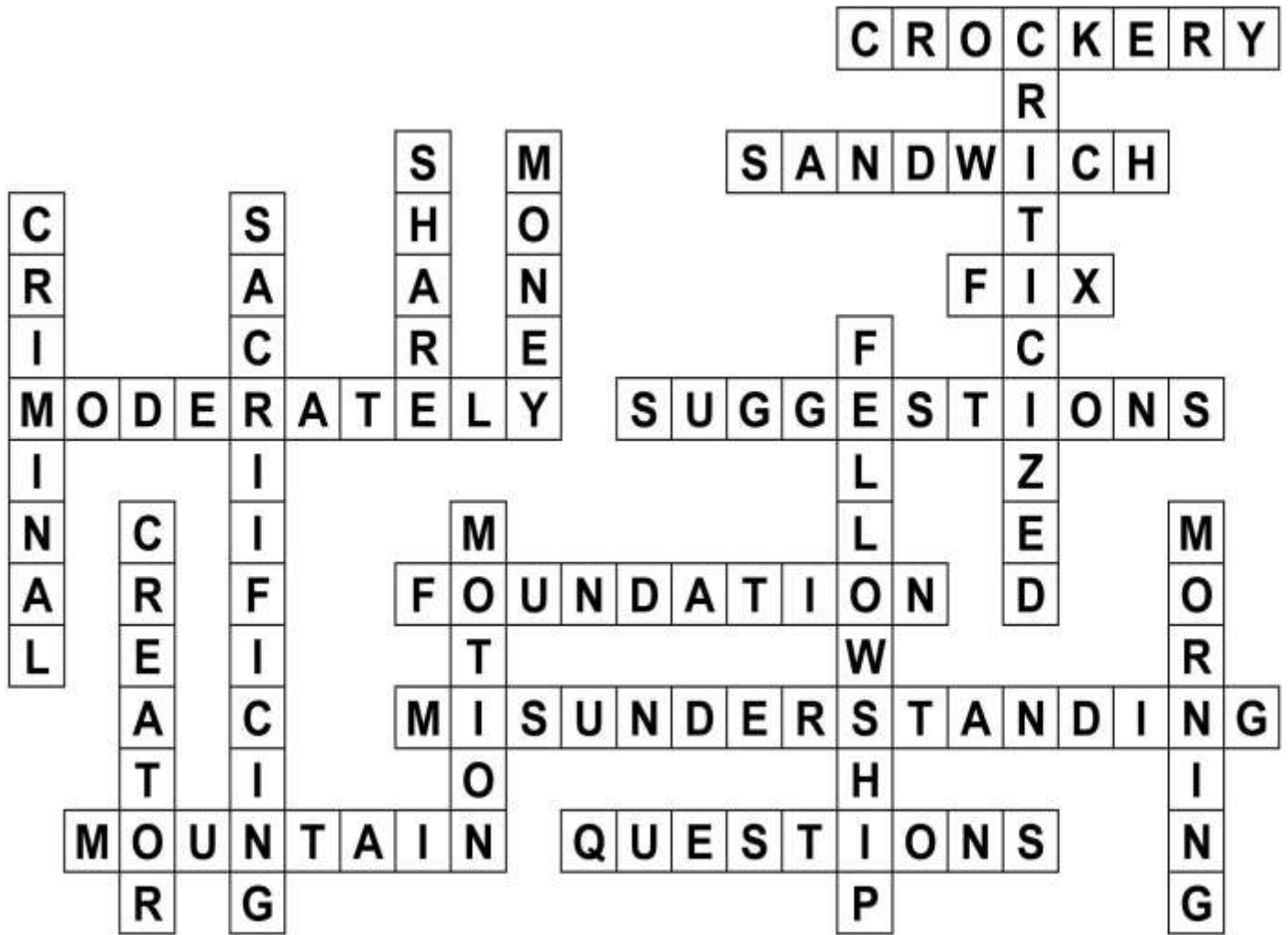
## Large Print

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

**Normally \$7.80 - this month \$6.00**

# January Puzzle Solution



Jim is told by his sponsor that he needs to participate more in service work. So he applies for the position of treasurer.

They hold a group conscience and ask him "What is nine multiplied by four?" He thinks quickly and says "Thirty-three."

After the interview, he realizes his mistake. He's surprised when they inform he got the job, despite there being four other candidates.

"But I got the wrong answer," he protests.

"Yeah, we know. But you were closest."

# SIGN UP NOW

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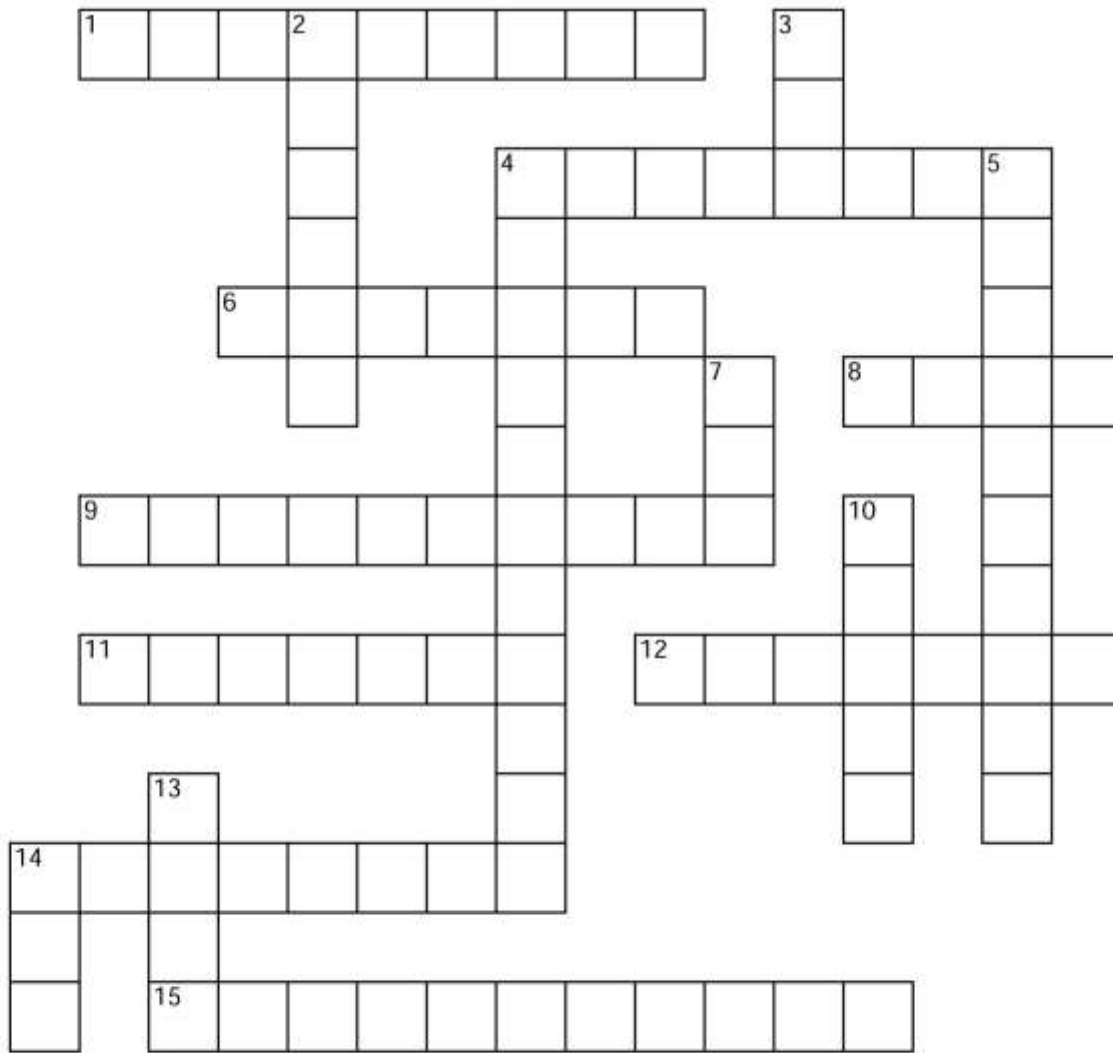


**Location:** Idyllwild Pines, California



**Dates:** April 24–26





www.CrosswordWeaver.com

## ACROSS

- 1 meeting in print
- 4 A \_\_\_\_\_ View of Alcoholics Anonymous
- 6 This month's principle
- 8 Akron
- 9 International Convention 2010 location
- 11 In the last AA survey, most alcoholics were this
- 12 Most common occupation amongst AA members
- 14 Circle and \_\_\_\_\_
- 15 AA received this in 1951 from the American Public Health Association

## DOWN

- 2 June conference (2 words)
- 3 What Happened to \_\_\_\_\_
- 4 August conference (3 words)
- 5 the name of the April Central Office fundraiser (2 words)
- 7 In the last survey, most AAs attended an average of this many meetings per week
- 10 It Happened to \_\_\_\_\_
- 13 As \_\_\_\_\_ Sees It
- 14 36% of AA members are sober over \_\_\_\_\_ years

## Letter from the Editor

Central Office recently shared that we ended last calendar year with a \$15,000 deficit. Our accounting firm reported to the Board of Directors that this was mainly caused by a drop in group and individual contributions. Our annual budget is based on previous year's income and expenditures, and the December budget report on page 21 shows the annual budget deficit of \$5,782 in Group and Individual contributions alone year to date.

The Board is now looking at ways to help Treasurers and members understand better what's happening and how we might turn this trend around in 2026 and beyond.

Although this report looks at just one year, it needs to be viewed in the context of changes over the past five years. Since our society closed in 2020, the type and frequency of meeting attendance has changed. More members now attend digital meetings. Many of these Zoom meetings are not connected to our local area, even though Central Office supports them. This is not to minimize the value of Zoom meetings hosted by local members, many of which contribute generously. Another issue is there are some Zoom meetings in our directory that are not hosted by local members has led to a reduced amount distributed to local Arms of Service, including our Central Office.

In the past, in-person meetings were the main source of contributions. Baskets were passed, cash was collected, and funds were shared each month using suggested percentages: 50% to Central Office, 30% to A.A. World Services, and 10% each to District and Area 9. This system supported Central Office adequately for the last 47 years. As fewer baskets are passed and cash contributions decline, that system no longer works the way it once did. On top of that, one dollar in 1960 is worth about eleven cents today. The long-standing "dollar in the basket" tradition needs to be re-evaluated in context with the decline in the value of the US dollar

<b>2025 Birthday Contributions</b>	
<b>Date</b>	<b>Name &amp; Sobriety Date</b>
01/19/2026	Ruthy Becker 1/18
01/09/2026	Jim B. 01/04/26
01/08/2026	Maritza M. 12/20/19
01/07/2026	Priscilla C. 12/15/87
01/06/2026	Brian U. 12/28/04
12/31/2025	Madelene Reller 12/25/72
12/09/2025	Loren A. 12/20/86
09/05/2025	Soterios R, Sept 5 16 years
08/07/2025	Anonymous
07/17/2025	Ginny P. 7/13/74
06/30/2025	Jim A. 33 yr.
06/12/2025	Kimberly D. 47 yr. 6/10
06/12/2025	Jerry G. 6 yr.
05/18/2025	Tara M. 070125
05/15/2025	Linda P.
05/02/2025	Mary G.
04/06/2025	Anonymous
03/03/2025	Rick S.

One idea is a "Birthday Club." Members would be invited to donate one dollar for each year of sobriety, something many already do, as shown in the 2025 Birthday Contributions table. A support group is being considered that would match each dollar donated. Contributions could be made online through a Zelle, Venmo, or in person at Central Office. Those QR codes are shown on page 11 here today.

Another idea is to offer a Treasurer/Secretary Workshop. This would give members a chance to better understand these service roles and how they support A.A. as a whole. This could clarify any confusion or misunderstandings that members of our Fellowship deserve answers to.

My commitment here is to preserve the viability and worthiness of our office to serve the needs of our local Fellowship with every resource available.

David M.  
Central Office Manager

# A.A. was founded on the premise that it would be self-supported through member contributions.

For the past 66 years, contributing a single dollar has been almost a tradition.



1960...10¢  
1970...20¢  
1980...35¢  
1990...50¢  
2000...\$1.00  
2008...\$1.75



1960...25¢  
1970...65¢  
1980...\$1.65  
1990...\$2.00  
2000...\$3.00  
2008...\$4.90



1960...22¢  
1970...35¢  
1980...90¢  
1990...\$1.10  
2000...\$1.20  
2008...\$3.39

Today's dollar has only 11 cents of the purchasing power of a 1960's dollar.



TO MAKE DIRECT  
CONTRIBUTIONS TO  
CENTRAL OFFICE  
USE QR CODES  
HERE



**zelle**

**venmo**

Acknowledging these economic facts,  
why not responsibly compensate

## BY DROPPING IN AT LEAST 3 BUCKS FOR 2026 ?

For those who can't afford it, the important thing is to keep coming back.

## Like the Layers of an Onion

No One can be Turned Away

By Rick R.

The only requirement for AA membership is a desire to stop drinking. (Trad. Three 12&12) After many years of sobriety and practicing the AA principles to the best of my ability, I am amazed at what I see in the meetings that I attend. It was one of the most important developments in my later years of sobriety. Removing my judgmentalism of other people in AA, that have a desire to stop drinking. I have come to understand that tradition, but it did not happen immediately. I was overwhelmed with personal problems that eventually culminated into my surrender and came to AA searching for answers. I am so grateful that they did not turn me away because I had problems. The AA Program is so much deeper than I ever could have imagined when I first entered it. Over time, I recognize the depth of each issue that we face when we come clean with ourselves and with the world around us. It is sometimes likened to the layers of an onion. The surface skin begins to fall away quickly as we address the drinking part of our disease. Each layer is preparatory to the next. As we recognize and begin to discard the negative side of our thoughts and behaviors, we begin to understand that our thinking is where the problems lie, and our behaviors are the symptoms of that faulty thinking when our natural instincts far exceed their intended purpose. In my early days of sobriety my mentors suggested that if I plan to attend a certain number of meetings per week, one of them should be a step study meeting and I have followed that suggestion ever since. One of the benefits of that decision is that we study each step four times a year and each time I repeat a previous step I notice an improvement in my understanding of that step. In the presence of that group, I may hear 20 to 30 different perspectives on how to address my faulty thinking and all those viewpoints are stored in my mind as I peel away one more layer of the onion. I learned the value of living by unselfish principles and that simple understanding takes most of my decision-making out of my hands. Principles are not flexible, and I do not create my own principles. I do, however, have the ability to follow well-established ethics and even then, sometimes things may go wrong but my motives are of an unselfish nature, and I do my best. I learn to be prudent when it comes to my decisions. I learn to decide if it was my Ego or my Conscience making that choice and today my Conscience renders my Ego irrelevant for the most part. I have always known right from wrong but with my fears and insecurities I usually made the wrong, selfish decision and my conscience suffered. If I already know when I am doing the wrong thing, why am I praying to God when I already know the answer and still make the wrong choice? It is true that the only requirement for membership is a desire to stop drinking but in AA I found so much more. Within the safety of my AA group, I get to test these qualities out and establish a new perspective, unselfish in nature, as I peel away layer after layer and my load gets lighter and lighter. I no longer look at this process to be ponderous. I now see it as exciting and I want to continue to look deeper into my spiritual condition, living by the dictates of my conscience, and I hope this process never ends as I trudge that road of happy destiny.

A drunk guy in Alaska decides to go ice fishing. So he packs up his stuff and goes out onto the ice.

He starts sawing a hole in the ice, and a loud booming voice says, "YOU WILL FIND NO FISH UNDER THAT ICE!"

The drunk looks up, ignores it, and continues on. The voice repeats, "YOU WILL FIND NO FISH UNDER THE ICE."

The drunk looks up and says, "God? Is this God trying to warn me?"

The voice says "NO, I'M THE MANAGER OF THIS ICE RINK."





**A.A. DESERT ROUNDUP**  
WITH AL-ANON PARTICIPATION  
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**JUNE 11, 12, 13, 14, 2026**  
INDIAN WELLS, CALIFORNIA



ONLINE REGISTRATION OPENS January 2nd through June 5th  
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**GENERAL INFORMATION**

Sandy W. (760) 902-9087  
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**TENTATIVE  
SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

*Registration Badges Required at all Meetings.*

<b>Thursday</b>	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
<b>Friday</b>	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
<b>Saturday</b>	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
<b>Sunday</b>	7:00 am	A.A. Participation Meeting
	8:15 am	Breakfast
	9:30 am	A.A. Closing Meeting

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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  
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THANK YOU for understanding.



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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 \_\_\_\_\_  
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 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 \_\_\_\_\_

#### Fees:

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 \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_  
FIRST LAST

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](http://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.**

**No refunds on canceled events after May 21st**

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.



## The Okey Dokey Bonfire is lit



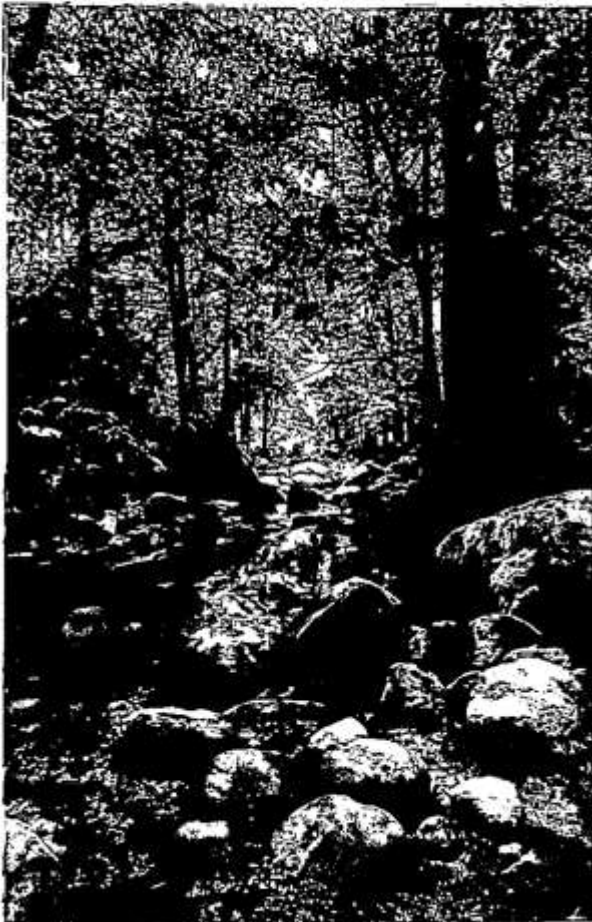
The Okey Dokey Bonfire meeting is the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of every month. It only gets canceled if it's raining. The barbecue starts at 5:00 PM, sides provided. Bring something to grill. We light the fire at 6:00 for a meeting. 63245 Santa Rosa Drive, Mountain Center, it's really in Pinyon Pines,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

- February 14<sup>th</sup>
- March 14<sup>th</sup>

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

# **IDYLLWILD ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS SPEAKER MEETING**

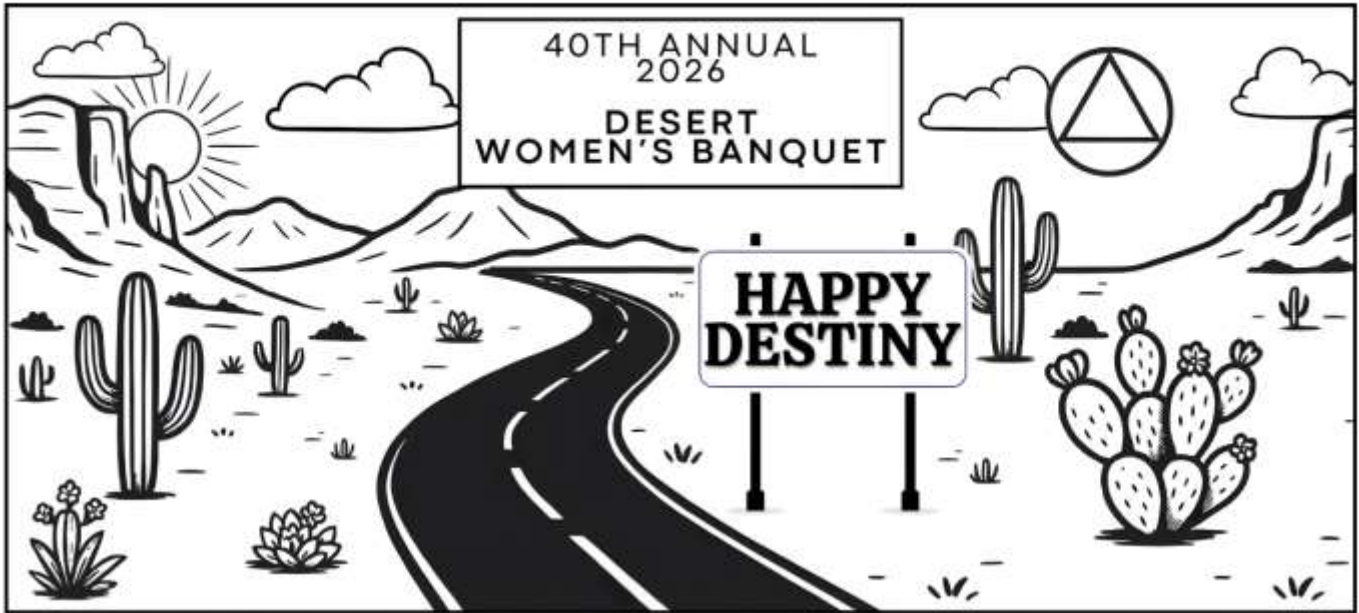
Come hear a message of  
***Experience, Strength and Hope***  
in the beautiful  
San Jacinto Mountains.



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

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





4:00-5:00pm Registration/Reception  
5:00-7:00pm Three Course Dinner  
7:00-8:00pm Speaker + Raffle

**\$64 per person**

Registration Contact: Sabrina G. (908) 217-6010  
Banquet Chair: Molly S. (360) 565-6663

**SUNDAY THE 15TH OF  
MARCH, 2026**  
Renaissance Esmeralda  
Resort + Spa  
✦✦ **Crystal Ballroom** ✦✦  
44-400 Indian Wells Ln., Indian Wells, CA

For event details & to register online visit [www.DesertWomensBanquet.org](http://www.DesertWomensBanquet.org)

Tickets will not be sold at the door.

There is a maximum of 10 seats per table.

**To sit together, registration forms & payments must be returned together.**

Please complete 1 registration per person.

See reverse side for additional registrations.



Checks payable to: <b>DESERT WOMEN'S BANQUET</b>	Full Name:		Amount Enclosed	
	Name on Badge:		Dinner:	\$64.00
Mail to: <b>PO BOX 4383 PALM DESERT, CA 92261</b>	Mailing Address:		Donation: ♥	\$
	City:	Zip:	Total:	\$
What Is Your Choice To Be? <i>Check A Meal Box Below</i>	Phone:		Email:	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Chicken <input type="checkbox"/> Fish <input type="checkbox"/> Vegan		# In Party: (Up to 10/Table)	
Table Head:				



**Payments must be received no later than Friday, March 6th 2026 ←**

To donate a ticket(s) **OR** contribute toward a ticket:

Please note the amount of your donation on registration form.

These donation funds provide opportunities for "women in need" to attend. We appreciate your Service!





# AA Convention

## Planning Meetings

*Come Join Us and Be of Service!*

February 8th, 2026,

March 8th, 2026,

April 19th, 2026,

May 17th, 2026,

June 14th, 2026,

July 12th, 2026 **WALK THROUGH** at The Westin

August 9th, 2026,

September 13th, 2026...

**2026**

Planning Meetings  
Starting at 10:30am

**74th SCAAConvention** at The Westin  
**on October 16-18, 2026**

November 15, 2026:  
(Wrap Up Meeting)

For more info: [info@aasocal.com](mailto:info@aasocal.com)  
visit us at: [www.aasocal.com](http://www.aasocal.com)

**at The 502 Club**  
**510 S. 2nd Ave #10, Covina, CA 91723**

## **Step Two**

**Came to believe that a Power greater than ourselves could restore us to sanity.**

When I attended an AA meeting for the first time three and half years ago, it was my own decision and I went alone. The place was at the Joslyn Senior Center in a local city park. I had sat in on an AA meeting almost 8 years previously, only to go out and try once again to prove to myself that I really could control my drinking. I tried every plan I could think of to “drink normally” but failure piled upon failure. More alcohol was always better and my daily alcohol consumption kept increasing until I found myself passing out night after night. Sneaky behavior and broken promises to myself ate at my self-esteem. I didn’t like who I saw in the mirror. My father had died of the disease and I saw myself following in his footsteps. My best thinking and will power were not working and I became desperate to get help.

At this meeting, a small group of people were sitting in a circle, reading aloud and whenever a paragraph meant something significant to an individual, that person shared what those words meant to them. I was welcomed and given a book with which to read along. I was comfortable immediately. Deep inside I felt safe and hopeful. My strongest feeling was a willingness to take direction. I didn’t think of myself as insane but I was helpless about wanting alcohol. My repeated decisions to keep drinking knowing the consequences were insane. My blackouts resonated with insanity. There was hope in this group of strangers. There was direction I could take. I was sure that I, by myself, could not stop drinking and these people in the room had succeeded for various lengths of time not to pick up a drink. And they seemed much more joyous and comfortable with themselves than I was. For the first time in years I felt like I was in the right place and making a good, reasonable decision.

During the break, I said something about wishing I had stopped drinking years ago and I was quickly shushed and told to accept the present as being just what it should be. That sounded freeing to me. I was welcomed by a woman with 25 years of sobriety who assisted me in purchasing my own copy of the book being studied at this meeting. I was encouraged to keep coming back and told about other meetings nearby.

Why am I writing about all this? The second step states “came to believe....” This step is a process: an opportunity for growth and a change in perception. One “comes to believe” by going to lots of meetings, and being honest and vulnerable with a sponsor. There was Power in the group of simple, honest people who shared success, strength and hope. For me there is a Power within every single person and I experience that in every honest story, every vulnerable revelation, and each unselfish service extended to others. I became willing to trust in their success, their wisdom. I decided to “drink in” and be a part of their Power. That Power has made all the difference. I am not the same person I used to be when I was drinking. I have been delivered from an obsession and I go to meetings regularly and willingly because more of that Power keeps revealing itself in new and marvelous ways.

The idea of sanity has changed for me too. I used to connect insanity with people in asylums, which meant this step didn’t apply to me. I have come to see that the way I lived life was insane. My insanity was in not taking responsibility for my choices, using people and things destructively, my lying to look better than I was, cheating and hurting others. But I always had my excuse. The sanity I learned in AA is a way of life that is giving, honest, right-sized, humble, loving, and growing. It is always willing to learn and accept life on life’s terms. It’s the way my sponsor, Dave, lives his life and hundreds who have taught me a better way of life in simple AA sharing one alcoholic to another, one day at a time. That’s how this Power continues to reveal itself. I am so blessed.

Mike C.  
La Quinta Roadrunners



## Central Intergroup of the Desert

## Statement of Activity

December 2025

## PROFIT &amp; LOSS

Net profit for December 2025

\$3,472

\$22,224

Income

\$18,752

Expenses

	TOTAL	
	DEC 2025	JUL - DEC, 2025 (YTD)
Revenue		
Contributions - Conventions	6,500	6,500
Contributions - Groups & Individuals	6,334	34,718
Gratitude Dinner		3,499
Interest Income	0	13
Sales	9,390	58,287
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$22,224</b>	<b>\$103,016</b>
Cost of Goods Sold		
Cost of Goods Sold	4,697	31,860
POS Inventory Adjustment	(38)	832
<b>Total Cost of Goods Sold</b>	<b>\$4,659</b>	<b>\$32,692</b>
<b>GROSS PROFIT</b>	<b>\$17,565</b>	<b>\$70,324</b>
Expenditures		
Accounting Services	1,000	6,000
Computer Expense	739	3,479
Credit Card Fees	453	2,264
Insurance - Health	713	4,263
Insurance - Liability	310	1,860
Insurance - Worker's Comp	1,857	1,857
Newsletter Expense	145	1,371
Office Expense	1,223	7,697
Outreach	27	128
Payroll Expenses	4,964	32,268
Rent	1,815	10,454
State Filing Fees		75
Storage	269	1,614
Utilities	578	3,882
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$14,093</b>	<b>\$77,212</b>
<b>NET OPERATING REVENUE</b>	<b>\$3,472</b>	<b>\$ (6,888)</b>
<b>NET REVENUE</b>	<b>\$3,472</b>	<b>\$ (6,888)</b>





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# Central Intergroup of the Desert

## Budget Report

July - December, 2025

	TOTAL		
	ACTUAL	BUDGET	OVER BUDGET
<b>Revenue</b>			
Contributions - Conventions	6,500	5,000	1,500
Contributions - Groups & Individuals	34,718	40,500	(5,782)
Gratitude Dinner	3,499	8,000	(4,501)
Interest Income	13	900	(887)
Sales	58,287	57,000	1,287
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$103,016</b>	<b>\$111,400</b>	<b>\$ (8,384)</b>
<b>Cost of Goods Sold</b>			
Cost of Goods Sold	31,860	37,050	(5,190)
POS Inventory Adjustment	832		832
<b>Total Cost of Goods Sold</b>	<b>\$32,692</b>	<b>\$37,050</b>	<b>\$ (4,358)</b>
<b>GROSS PROFIT</b>	<b>\$70,324</b>	<b>\$74,350</b>	<b>\$ (4,026)</b>
<b>Expenditures</b>			
Accounting Services	6,000	6,000	0
Computer Expense	3,479	3,270	209
Credit Card Fees	2,264	2,332	(68)
Insurance - Health	4,263	3,775	488
Insurance - Liability	1,860	1,237	623
Insurance - Worker's Comp	1,857	1,079	778
Newsletter Expense	1,371	1,350	21
Office Expense	7,697	9,000	(1,303)
Outreach	128	600	(472)
Payroll Expenses	32,268	32,400	(132)
Plant Expenditures		466	(466)
Rent	10,454	10,368	86
State Filing Fees	75	75	0
Storage	1,614	1,614	0
Utilities	3,882	3,765	117
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$77,212</b>	<b>\$77,331</b>	<b>\$ (119)</b>
<b>NET OPERATING REVENUE</b>	<b>\$ (6,888)</b>	<b>\$ (2,981)</b>	<b>\$ (3,907)</b>
<b>NET REVENUE</b>	<b>\$ (6,888)</b>	<b>\$ (2,981)</b>	<b>\$ (3,907)</b>

## Central Intergroup of the Desert

### Contributions - Groups & Individuals

December 2025

	TOTAL	
	DEC 2025	JUL - DEC, 2025 (YTD)
3rd 7th 11th Step Meeting	278.78	567.18
5th Tradition Dinner Meet Desert Hot Springs		96.50
630 AM PDCC Zoom Joyce Medford	630.00	1,150.00
Aging Gracefully in Sobriety		60.74
Alano Club Palm Springs		500.00
Anonymous No Group Given	1,357.00	4,505.24
As Bill Sees it Sunny Dunes 830AM		380.39
As She Sees It La Quinta	40.60	280.60
Big Book Study L Quinta Library		372.92
Bill's Hour	74.75	157.00
Birthday Contributions	92.00	190.00
Black Sheep Group		250.00
Central Intergroup Cathedral City	67.00	153.36
Daily Reprieve (10086)	165.22	1,330.58
Daily Reprieve Zoom (657814)		202.34
Desert Cities AA Group		2,732.00
Design for Living 101 Group		313.72
District 9 General Service	1,200.00	1,200.00
Dolls of Valley Palm Desert		142.86
Double Winners	99.00	303.95
Female Friends Yucca Valley		125.00
Friday Night Big Book Study 29 Palms		100.00
Friday Noon La Quinta Library		354.00
Happy Hour Book Study Palm Desert		154.00
Happy Hour Group Sunny Dunes		1,558.00
It's A Better Deal Yucca Valley	50.00	100.00
Jaywalkers Monday Men's Stag 1000 Palms		133.80
Just the Black Print		579.32
Keep It Simple Group Speaker Meeting	343.81	343.81
La Quinta Library Wed 12 & 12		212.29
Last Call Group 104		349.52
Living Sober Group-Joshua Tree		20.00
Living Sober Palm Desert	193.00	193.00
Living Sober Women Sat. La Quinta	76.00	322.00
Men's Marauders		112.20
Men's Stag Book Study		100.00
Mid Day Group 00419671		628.26
Monday Daily Reflections 29 Palms		125.00
No Matter What Women's Group		168.51
No Rules La Quinta		1,196.00
Ojai Women's Meeting		21.35
One Day At a Time 509245 Palm Desert		176.50
Original Men's 24773 Stag	160.00	410.00

## Central Intergroup of the Desert

## Contributions - Groups &amp; Individuals

December 2025

	TOTAL	
	DEC 2025	JUL - DEC, 2025 (YTD)
Oxy-Moron Group		100.00
Palm Desert 7 AM Attitude Adj.	202.00	1,667.00
Palm Desert Saturday Speaker's		50.00
Palm Springs Attitude Adjustment Group Group		125.00
Playing With A Full Deck Palm Desert		245.60
Ray's Wed. Nite Meeting Joshua Tree		183.26
Recovery after Relapse		169.42
Santa Rosa Messengers Coachella		30.00
Saturday 29 Palms 12 & 12		286.00
Serenity Seekers Palm Desert	240.00	480.00
Serenity Sisters - Sunny Dunes		100.00
Singleness of Purpose Men's Stag		880.00
Smoking Jackelope Men Stag		200.00
Sober Divas	75.00	375.00
Solutions in Sobriety Palm Desert		76.38
Spiritual Awakening in A.A.	125.00	125.00
Spiritual Meeting Yucca Valley		40.00
Stay Connected 9am (Zoom)		581.03
Step Sisters Palm Desert		314.00
Stepping Stones		231.12
Sun City Ole Time Big Book Study		244.50
Sunday Serenity Group	188.00	681.00
Sunny Dunes 5th Tradition 7AM Att. Adj. Group #100		2,967.35
Sunny Dunes 7am Attitude Adjustment Online Group		640.25
Sunrise Celebrators Palm Desert	88.64	540.90
TGIF Group 611390 Yucca Valley		25.00
There is a Solution	200.00	200.00
Thursday Night Discussion 29 Palms		150.00
Tuesday Gut level		60.00
Vets for Vets Palm Desert		140.00
Wednesday Big Book Study of A.A.	288.00	288.00
Winners Meeting Yucca Valley		50.00
Not Specified	100.00	100.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$6,333.80</b>	<b>\$34,717.75</b>

# SAVE THE DATE



## 2026

**52nd Annual  
Ninth District  
Convention**



**DoubleTree by Hilton, Palm Springs**



**August 7-9, 2026**



**maaddogdaze.org**

## JOIN OUR COMMITTEE FOR FUN & FELLOWSHIP!

### **COMMITTEE MEETING DATES**

**Sunday ▪ January 25**

**Sunday ▪ February 22**

**Sunday ▪ March 22**

**Sunday ▪ April 26**

**Sunday ▪ May 24**

**Sunday ▪ June 28**

**Sunday ▪ July 26**



### **JOIN IN PERSON**

**Central Office (2pm)  
35-325 Date Palm  
Ste 107  
Cathedral City**



### **JOIN ONLINE**

**Zoom (2pm)  
ID: 924 237 7111  
Passcode: Intergroup**

Committee planning meetings are held on the 4th Sunday of every month at 2pm, at the Central office in Cathedral City or on Zoom. \*To be elected to a committee position, you must be present in person or on Zoom.