



the Desert Lifeline

March 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

Mid-Southern California Area (MSCA)

PO Box, 51446, Irvine CA 92619-1446
Web site: www.msca09aa.org

General Service Office New York

Contribution Mailing address
Post Office Box 2407
James A Farley Station
New York, NY 10116-2407
Web site: www.aa.org

DCYPAA

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

General Service, District 30

3rd 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

Made a decision to turn our will
and our lives over to the care of
God *as we understood Him.*

Tradition

The only requirement for A.A.
membership is a desire to
stop drinking.

Concept

To insure effective leadership, we
should endow each element of
A.A. - the Conference, the General
Service Board and its service
corporations, staffs, committees,
and executives - with a traditional
"Right of Decision."

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Principle Three

Faith (surrender) - To trust enough to be able to
yield personal power & control of our thoughts and
actions over to a Power greater than ourselves.

January Office Statistics

Meeting Info	22
12 Step Calls	3
Visitors	60
Literature Sales	278
Al-Anon	0
Other 12 Step	5
Miscellaneous	44
Business	8
Zoom Attendance	57

**Central Intergroup Office of the Desert
Board of Directors**

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Letters to the Editor or **Articles for the Desert Lifeline** must be received by the 15th. of the previous month for consideration of publication in the next month's issue.

Please submit your material for *The Desert Lifeline* to:
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35-325 Date Palm Drive, Suite 107,
Cathedral City, CA 92234.
E-mail: manager@AAinthedesert.org

January 2026

Darlene M. 7 yr.
Alyssa C. 8 yr.
Brian U. 20 yr.
Jim B. 21yr.

**Happy
Birthday**



Norma U. 26 yr.
Dani M. 30 yr.
Mary M. 35 yr.
Ruthie B. 45 yr.
Faith R. 47 yr.



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

Adam W.
Amelia F.

Thank You !!

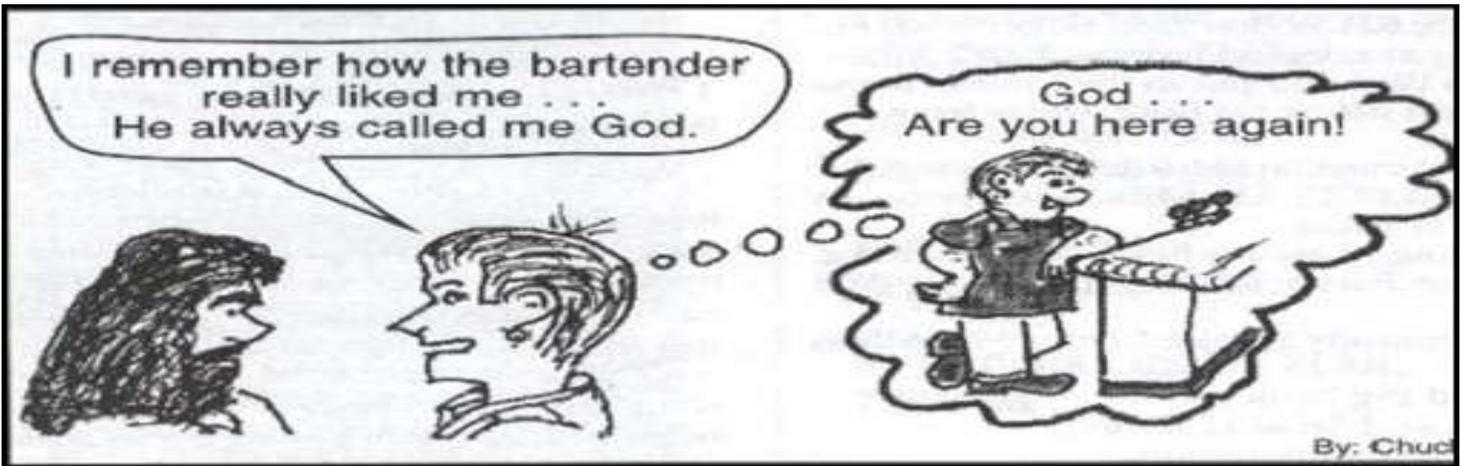
Bill T.
Bob B.

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

Thank You !!

Nancy L.
Pavithra S.
Rob H.

Richard B.
Scott H.
Shannan K.
Stephen St. L.
Ted St. L.
Teri P.



March Speaker Meetings



ABC Recovery Center
Sobriety Capital of the World
44359 Palm St. Indio

Friday Night, 8 p.m.

- 3/06 - Laurreta - Orange County
- 3/13 - Jeanny T. - Playa Del Rey
- 3/20 - Patricia H. - Corona
- 3/27 - Patt O. - Fullerton

Palm Desert Group -
Fellowship Hall,
45940 Portola Ave. Palm Desert
Saturday Night, 8:00 p.m.

- 03/07 Mike M. - Desert Hot Springs
- 03/14 Hubert R. - Banning
- 03/21 Cathy L. - Oceanside
- 03/28 Al S. & Kevin O. Palm Desert

A.A. Treasurer's Workshop

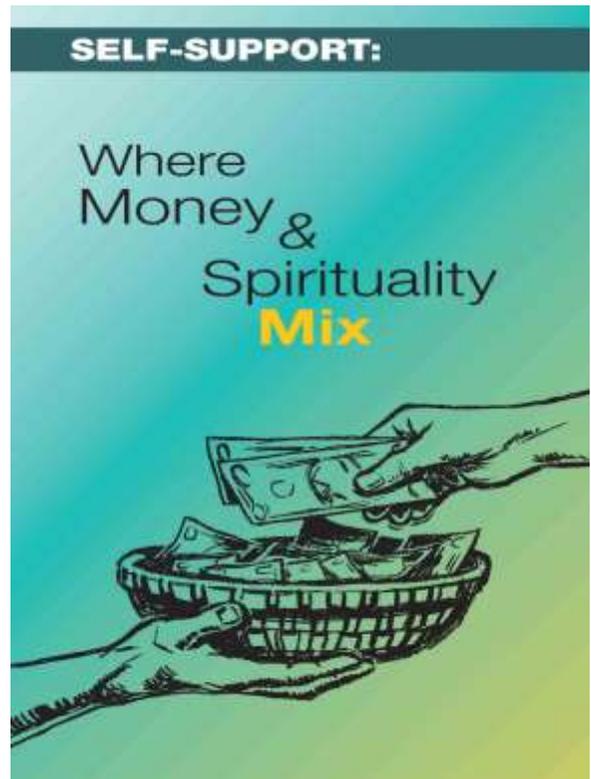
**Saturday March 21st 2026
2:00 to 3:30 PM**



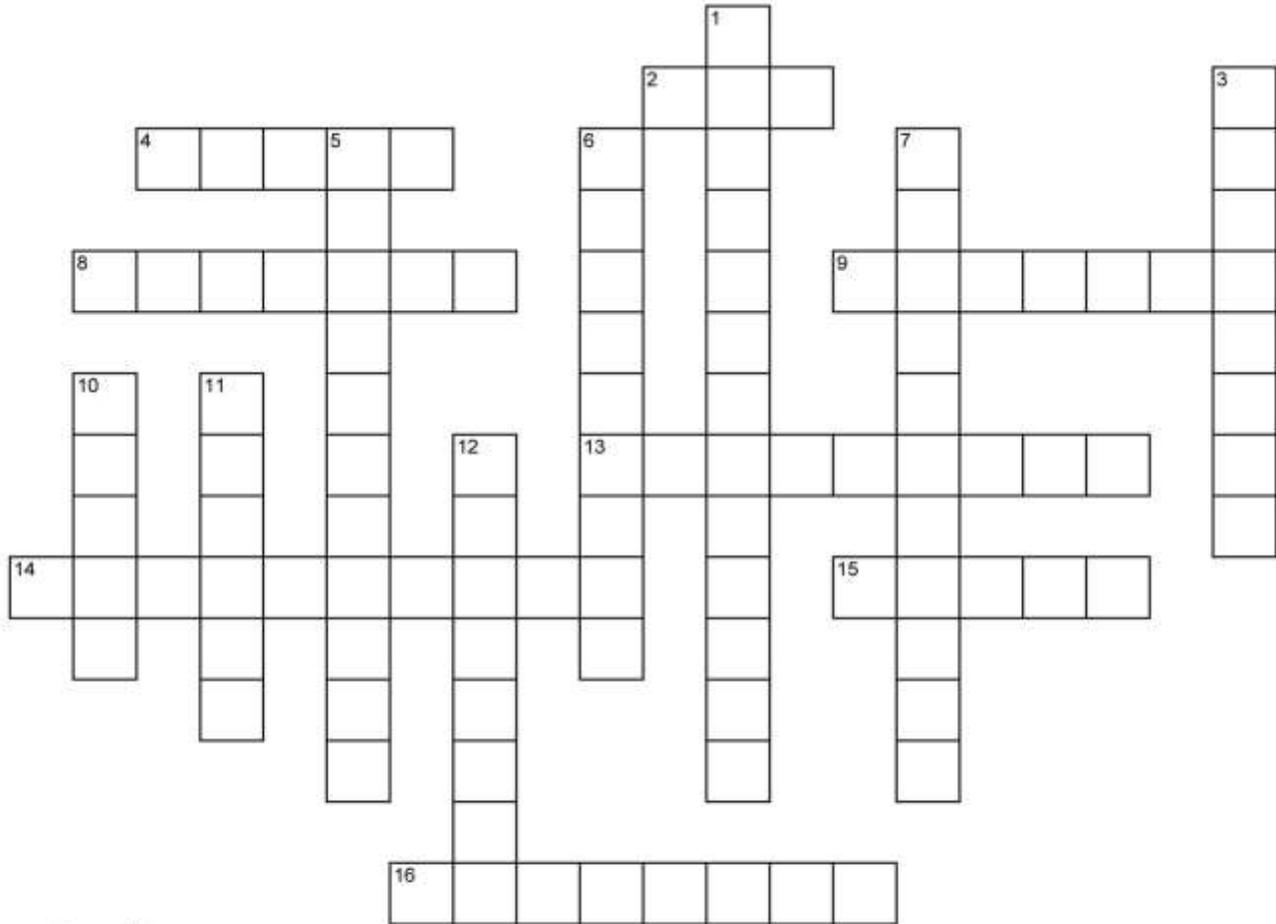
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Come learn, or relay your experience with the ins and outs of being a treasurer for an A.A. group. This is geared for both new and experienced treasurers.

Please send us your contact information atby email or phone call to let us know you're interested.
760.324.4880 David M. Office Manager
Email: manager@aainthedesert.org



March Puzzle



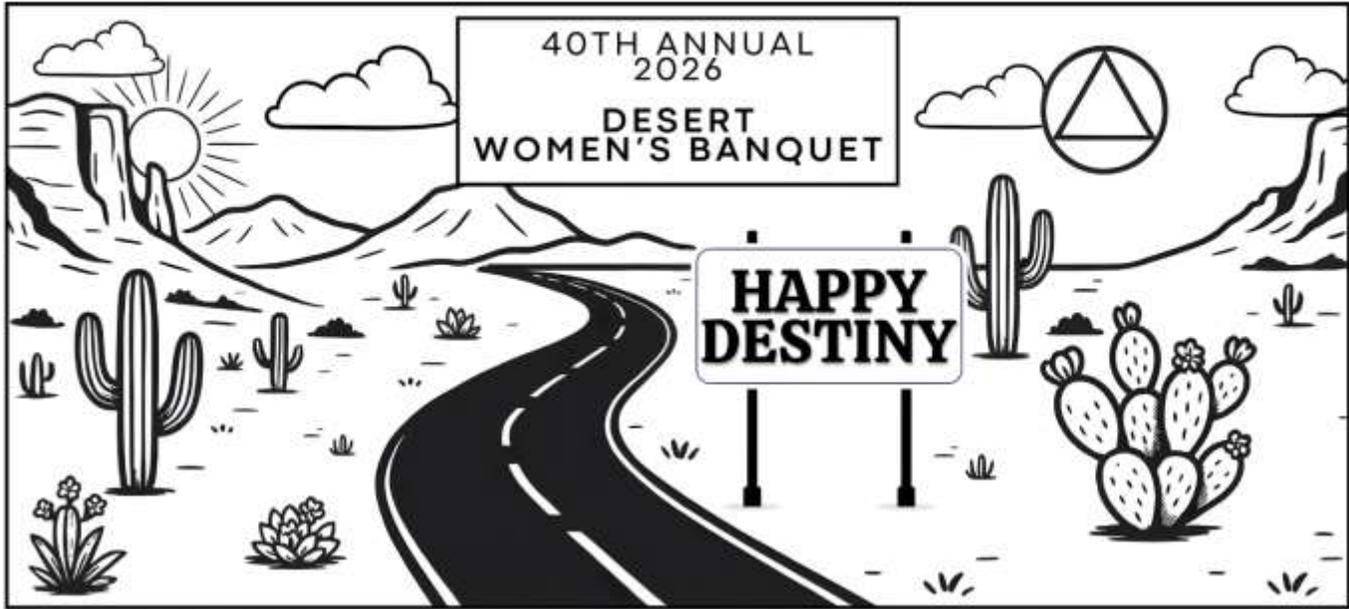
www.CrosswordWeaver.com

ACROSS

- 2** American statesman ____ it. "Let's look at the record."
4 companionship among _____ who knew her problem, to
8 to tired eyes and fresh _____ to flagging spirits.
9 trouble, unless the family _____ for these tendencies in
13 An alcoholic who had _____, but holds a relatively
14 shield the sick man from _____ is doomed to failure
15 have had these growing _____ and they hurt a great deal
16 his revulsion will be _____

DOWN

- 1** we made an important _____.
3 matter of giving that is in _____, but when and how to
5 is distorted and _____.
6 he paced a hotel lobby _____ how his bill was to be
7 is distorted and _____.
10 We put them on _____, even though we had no
11 I commenced to forge the _____ that on one day would turn in
12 There is every _____ that women regain their



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

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: DESERT WOMEN'S BANQUET	Full Name:		Amount Enclosed	
	Name on Badge:		Dinner:	\$ 64.00
Mail to: PO BOX 4383 PALM DESERT, CA 92261	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)	



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!

74th
**Southern
California**



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**

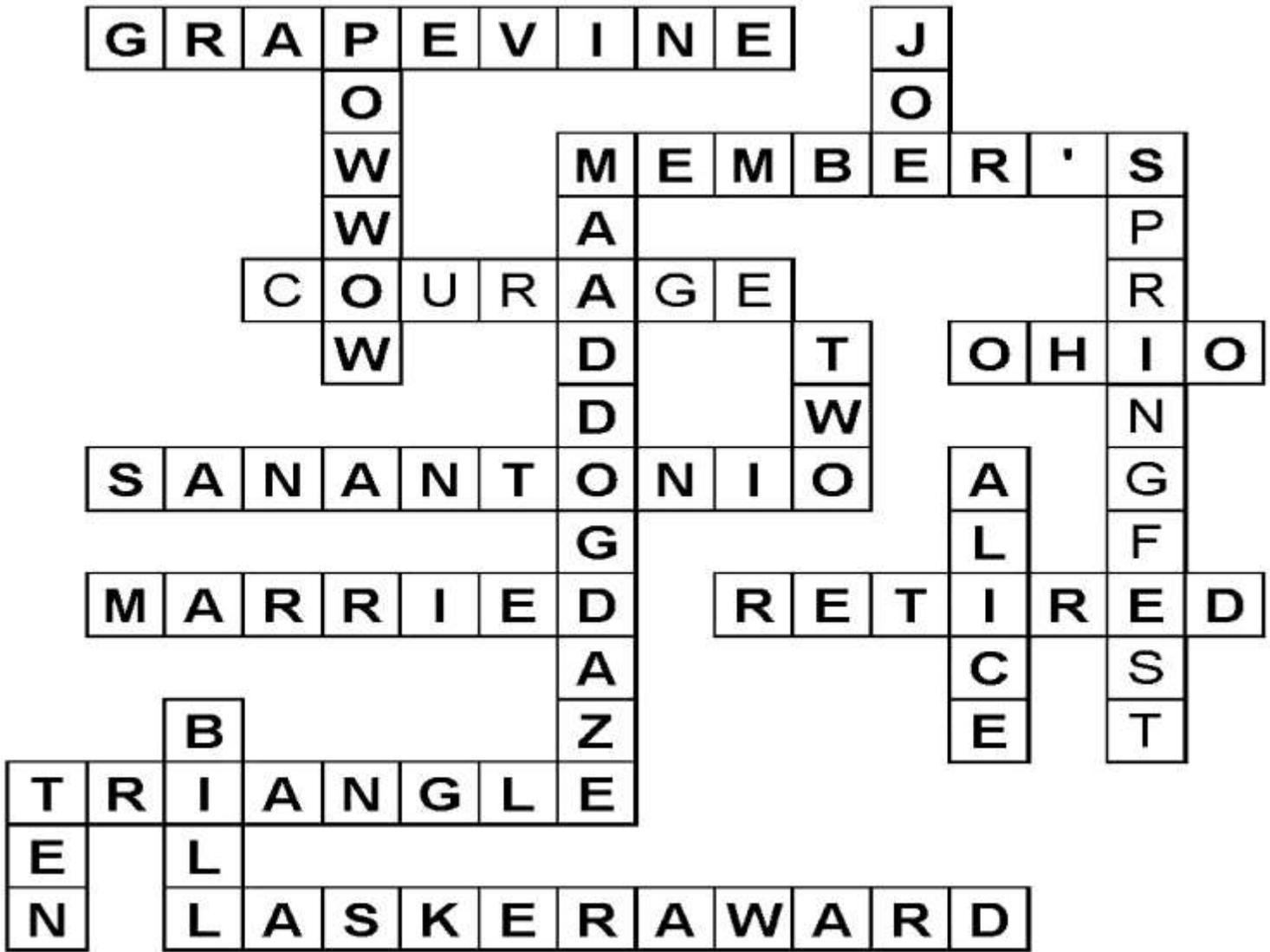
74th SCAAC Convention at The Westin
on October 16-18, 2026

November 15, 2026:
(Wrap Up Meeting)

For more info: info@asocal.com
visit us at: www.asocal.com

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

February Puzzle Solution



\$13.00

Book of the month "Pass It On"

\$13.00

Full of first-person accounts and primary source material, this portrait of Bill W. recounts his journey from Vermont youth to Wall Street success story to hopeless drunk — until a series of remarkable events allowed him to stop drinking and to co-found Alcoholics Anonymous. We follow Bill through his tireless work for the Fellowship: the publishing of the Big Book, the development of the Twelve Traditions, the formation of the General Service Conference. Closing chapters walk us through Bill's final years of challenge and change.

With 39 archival photographs.

General Service Conference-approved.

Hardcover

\$13.00

Normally \$15.60—This month \$13.00

\$13.00

FREE LUNCH! DISTRICT 30 PRESENTS

RECOVERY, UNITY, AND SERVICE IN THE MORONGO BASIN

Is your home group connected to AA?

- ◆ Do you need a GSR (Group Service Representative)
- ◆ Spare time on your hands and looking to do some service work?
- ◆ Want to help carry the message outside of your group?

**Come join us for fellowship
and find out how you can get involved!**

Saturday, March 14 • 10 AM–1 PM
Joshua Tree Community Center
(Follow the long driveway until you see the jungle gym)

**SCAN TO RSVP
AND GET AN
EXTRA RAFFLE
TICKET!**

Help us Plan! - RSVP

Step Three

Made a decision to turn our will and our lives over to the care of God as we understood Him.

This step was extremely difficult for me, because my inability to understand it. My capacity for surrender was of no avail at that time, even accepting that I was an alcoholic was difficult. My thinking was that if I did this step all of a sudden I was not going to have any will, I would just lay down and let my higher power do it all. My relationship with my Higher Power at that time was not a very good one. YES, I knew there was a God, but I did not trust him, I blamed him for all the unmanageability of my life. I prayed and He did not do what I asked him, how could I trust him? Furthermore, now surrender to a God of my understanding.... not a Catholic God? Forget it. I was blind to the part of the step that reads **MADE A DECISION.**

For many years I had been self-sufficient, as a matter of fact, I was self-sufficient since I left home when I got married. I made the decision to make my own decisions and consulting with God was not even in my mind.

I told my sponsor I can't turn my will over to a foreign God and become a nobody, so I do not know if I can do this step. My sponsor explained this step this way: she dropped her keys and said, "I am making a decision to pick up my keys," and kept on repeating the same sentence over and over. I asked her, are you going to pick up your keys or not?, she said "I will." Then she picked them up and said to me, "first I made a decision and then took the action to pick them up, so it is with step 3, you make the decision and the action of the following steps will eventually make you turn your will and your life to the care of God." She told me that this step takes no action just acceptance and willingness.

I thought **MAKING A DECISION** is not too bad, and I was willing to do whatever was necessary to continue, not because I wanted to do the steps, but because my sponsor was on my back and other women with the same amount of sobriety were already on their 6th and 7th. I did not want to be "less than," so I made a decision to **MAKE A DECISION.**

I read in the 12 and 12, faith of some kind is possible to any one. I told an old-timer that I did not have faith, and he told me this story: A man came to his priest and told him, "I have no faith" and the priest told him, "you do have faith and I can prove it," the man asked "how?" the priest asked him "are you married?", he answered, "Yes," "Do you have any children?", he said "I have 3 children." Then he told him, "those are three acts of faith," the man said "I do not understand it," the priest said "your wife keeps on telling you they are yours and you keep on believing her, that is faith." So I did have faith, I understood.

Today I know that in the past my self will cut-off the light of the spirit and that my life was unmanageable by my own will power. Lack of power is my dilemma, so today I allow God's Power manage my life **MOST OF THE TIME.** But at times I take up my old job of being General Manager of the Universe, so my life and the lives of those around me become unmanageable. In a general way, this is what it was like, what happened, and what it is like now.....

Bertha G.
Alky's Only Group, Palm Desert

". . . . and then my sponsor asked me to try to think of what an adult might do in the same situation!"

At Six Years Old, The Die Was Cast

I Did Not Fit In.

By Rick R.

When I look back on my experience, after going through my pre drinking years, my drinking years, and my sober years, in the AA program it is not hard to see what a troubled individual I was. In my days from birth to the day I entered grammar school I was unaware of the dysfunction in my immediate environment and with the absence of supervision, discipline, and role models, I did anything I wanted to do. And, as I later learned, my behavior became dishonest, selfish, and shameful.

On my first day of parochial school the world came apart for me when I looked around the classroom and realized that I did not fit in. All the other kids were having fun and enjoying that experience, and I was terrified. I knew that I could never live up to what was expected of me at that time. As a result, I developed fears and inhibitions that those other kids did not seem to have. I learned right from wrong in church but was much too insecure to do what was right. *I learned to cut corners, to lie, and cheat, since I had no confidence* that I could ever keep up with my peers. I began to overcompensate and to act out to make up for my short falls, but it never worked for me. Fist fighting became a regular event. This all went on till I turned thirteen and found the answer to all my problems. I had access to alcohol, and I did not recognize it at first, but it immediately removed all those fears and inhibitions and *for the first time in my life I felt normal* and that I was as good as anyone and better than most, so I thought. I continued to drink to feel good but when I awoke in the morning, I was more terrified than before and all I had to do was to take that first drink and everything was right with the world again. I continued this pattern until I was twenty-eight years old when I woke up one morning to face The Hideous Four Horsemen, Terror, Bewilderment, Frustration, Despair (Big Book pg. 151) and I had a moment of clarity. I knew that *I had to do something about my drinking, or I would die a horrible death at the hands of others or by my own hand.* I called AA, struggled to find the location of the meeting place. I arrived there two hours later, and was greeted by three members who were compassionate and understanding. They listened, my sense of isolation slowly went away, as did the desire to drink. I have never wanted a drink from that moment (Oct. 15, 1969) to the present. I have never had to struggle with the AA program and have embraced it to the best of my understanding. I came to understand that the things that I experienced as a child and the actions I took as a practicing alcoholic, were the ingredients of the disease of Alcoholism. It became clear to me that, *the die was cast at the age of six*, and all the ingredients were there long before I ever took a drink. All I had to do was add the Alcohol. Once I removed the alcohol, all the ingredients were still there and that is what the program helped me to set it right. I was not responsible for becoming an Alcoholic, I am, however, accountable for my behavior while I was drinking, and if I am willing to make restitution and clean up the wreckage of the past, I can free myself from all the guilt and shame and walk away with my dignity and self respect. Today my life is better than it ever could have been, had I never become an Alcoholic in the first place, and, of that, I am convinced the I am “powerless over alcohol and my life has become unmanageable.”



“Water! Water! With Bourbon and not much ice!”

JOIN THE FAITHFUL FIVERS!

“When we meet and defeat the temptation to take large gifts, we are only being prudent. But when we are generous with the hat, we give a token that we are grateful for our blessing and evidence that we are eager to share what we have found with all those who still suffer.”

- Bill W.
- Reprinted from *The Language of the Heart* with permission from the AA Grapevine, Inc.

Description

Faithful Fivers are members who choose to support the continuing word of Central Office with recurring monthly contributions. The suggested monthly contribution is \$5.00, but a greater amount is always appreciated.

In keeping with our A.A. 7th Tradition of self support, we accept contributions only from A. A. members.



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For Zelle contribution use
(442) 352-3913 from your
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Yes! Please enroll me as a Faithful Fiver!

I agree to pledge!
Here is my contribution of
\$ _____ for _____ months

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Please make your checks payable to:

Central Office

And mail to:

35-325 Date Palm Drive
Suite 107
Cathedral City, CA 92234



Given the current financial options of our lives, although checks and cash still work, using digital transfer is preferred by many. Venmo and Zelle options are here for you to send individual contributions. A regular monthly contribution using “Bill Pay” from your bank is also a modern option.

Your Central Office not only keeps a current inventory of the chips, books and pamphlets your local meetings can conveniently find here in Cathedral City, but our phone volunteers also support any who need information on their court ordered signature requirements. We provide hourly signatures using the Zoom Meeting available each day during business hours. The 18 volunteers here each week also handle 12 Step calls for those needing to directly connect with members one-on-one to help with their drinking.

The Teleservice Volunteers who answer the phones one evening a month to support any local Alcoholics when the office is closed increases our office’s ability to support the “Responsibility Pledge” where the hand of A.A. is available to those in need.

Our website that synchronizes daily with the “Meeting Guide” app provides locally updated meeting information that synchronizes directly to this hand-held meeting directory be “geo-located “ to the Coachella Valley. Without this office’s website, our local meetings would be compromised from another area.

Your continued and regular support of our office, giving honor to, not only the Gift of Sobriety you have received can be personally recognized with this regular contribution here at Central Office.

David M. Office Manager

Tradition Three

“The only requirement for AA membership is a desire to stop drinking.”

Back in the good old days when A.A. was founded, groups had a very hard time accepting people into the A.A. membership. Page 102 of *Alcoholics Anonymous Comes of Age* states “A.A. members must have a Sincere Desire to stop drinking.” They worried about members coming in that were ‘different’ people, criminals and social undesirables.

Over the years I believe we came to recognize ourselves as ‘those people’ mentioned above. Once our fears subsided, we finally said to ourselves, Who are we to keep anybody out? To many a desperate drunk, A.A. is the court of their last appeal. We cannot slam the door on anyone.

“You are an A.A. member if you say so. No matter what you have done, or still will do, you are an A.A. member as long as you say so.”

John E
Alky's Only Group, Palm Desert

Q: What did the sponsor say to the sponsee after he told his story to the group the first time?

A: Your I's are too close together.

Hope is the feeling you have that the feeling you have isn't permanent.

Alcoholics seem to burn their bridges in front of them.

I am glad I have my Higher Power and the program of AA to guide me--there are times when it seems like everything is falling apart, when actually it's all falling together.

It was a discussion meeting and the topic was whether one sees life as being a glass that's half-empty or half-full. Finally, the sharing came around to the group's old-timer, whom we all wanted to hear. Here's what he said: "Some days I see life as a glass that's half-empty; other days it's half-full. On other days, I am grateful that I have a glass."

I don't know what I want, but I want a lot of it.

I came to AA because of back problems--my wife was on my back, my boss was on my back, my creditors were on my back . . .

Concept 3

To insure effective leadership, we should endow each element of A.A. - the Conference, the General Service Board, and its service corporations, staffs, committees, and executives - with a traditional "Right of Decision".

Concept 3 is the "Right of Decision." As trusted servants (Tradition 2), our leaders are allowed to decide which problems they will dispose of themselves and upon which matters they will report, consult, or ask specific directions. We must trust our leaders to make the right decisions for A.A. as a whole.

"This "Right of Decision" should never be made an excuse for failure to render proper reports of all significant actions taken; it ought never be used as a reason for constantly exceeding a clearly defined authority, nor as an excuse for persistently failing to consult those who are entitled to be consulted before an important decision is taken." Our ultimate authority is a loving God. If leaders are ineffective, inefficient, or abuse the 'Right of Decision', each group has the right to remedy the situation.

"Our entire A.A. program rests squarely upon the principle of mutual trust. We trust God, we trust A.A., and we trust each other. Therefore, we cannot do less than trust our leaders in service. The "Right of Decision" that we offer them is not only the practical means by which they may act and lead effectively, but it is also the symbol of our implicit confidence."

(quotes from The A.A. Service Manual/Twelve Concepts for World Service)

Rebecca K
6AM Sunrise Celebrators, Fellowship Hall, Palm Desert

Sponsee: "How many really great AA speakers do you think there are?"

Sponsor: "I really don't know, but I'm guessing that it's at least one LESS than you think!"

"I didn't really understand the full impact of the first step until after I had done Step Nine."

Heard at the end of a meeting:

"Don't leave before the miracle happens!

But, don't leave AFTER the miracle happens, either!"



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Your Birthday Club Invite

Welcome, this is your invitation to join the Birthday Gratitude Club of AA, Coachella Valley where we honor and celebrate each sober year with gratitude, purpose and financial responsibility. Also, your Birthday contribution to Central Office, is helping sustain the vital work of our Central Office in Cathedral City-carrying the message and serving those who still suffer.

You will receive your 2026 Certificate of Appreciation, as a small token of our gratitude, in a responding email from Central Office.

Together, let us grow this monthly opportunity for giving and gratitude to reach many more members. Our goal is to extend this important monthly fundraising opportunity to many more members this year and in the years ahead.

AA Birthday milestones

- Birthday celebrations and contributions serve to inspire others, reinforce the importance of continued sobriety, build fellowship, and help fund the important work of our Central Office.
- It is common for other members to offer support, cards, or gifts to the person celebrating. Please help us make it a common practice for celebrants to mark their milestone with contributions to Central Office along with contributions from their AA friends and Sponsees.

Historical Context of Birthdays in AA

The practice of giving a "birthday contribution" (often a dollar per year of sobriety to support AA services) grew organically within AA culture, reflecting Bill Wilson's belief that:

- **AA must remain self-supporting (Tradition Seven).**
- **Gratitude is best shown through service and financial responsibility.**

1. Gratitude for Sobriety

Bill wrote that gratitude should express itself in action:

"Gratitude should go forward, rather than backward."

Zelle:
(442) 352-3913
From your
Banking app

Venmo



Name: _____
 Sobriety Date: _____
 Phone: _____
 Email: _____
 Contribution: _____
 Your Cake Meeting: _____

For further information: Ira Meltzer 760.808.1444

Please Join our Private FaceBook Group: Sobriety Birthday Coachella Valley

IDYLLWILD ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS SPEAKER MEETING

Come hear a message of
Experience, Strength and Hope
In the beautiful
San Jacinto Mountains



**Last Saturday
of
every month
12pm**

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

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.

- March 14th

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



A.A. DESERT ROUNDUP
 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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<https://book.passkey.com/go/desertroundup2026>
 or
CALL 1-800-446-9875
 Room Rate \$169.00 + Tax + Resort Fee of \$7.00
 Note: 2 nights minimum/4 guests per room max
 Special rates available until room block is filled
 But no later than May 28th
 Pool facilities for registered guests only
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reniv.ipoolside.com
 44-400 Indian Wells Lane, Indian Wells, CA 92210
 Hotel direct line: (760) 775-4444

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.

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THANK YOU for understanding.



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
 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

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	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 *DEADLINE: JUNE 5th
 (Pre-Registration Required) 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 _____
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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Central Intergroup of the Desert

Statement of Activity

January 2026

Net profit for January

\$11,588

\$31,912

Income

\$20,324

Expenses

	TOTAL	
	JAN 2026	JUL 2025 - JAN 2026 (YTD)
Revenue		
Contributions - Conventions		6,500
Contributions - Groups & Individuals	20,740	55,457
Gratitude Dinner		3,499
Interest Income	0	13
Sales	11,172	69,458
Total Revenue	\$31,912	\$134,928
Cost of Goods Sold		
Cost of Goods Sold	5,893	37,773
POS Inventory Adjustment	(12)	821
Total Cost of Goods Sold	\$5,882	\$38,593
GROSS PROFIT	\$26,030	\$96,335
Expenditures		
Accounting Services	1,000	7,000
Computer Expense	507	3,987
Credit Card Fees	314	2,578
Insurance - Health	850	5,113
Insurance - Liability	310	2,170
Insurance - Worker's Comp		1,857
Newsletter Expense	183	1,554
Office Expense	1,201	8,899
Outreach	27	155
Payroll Expenses	7,558	39,826
Plant Expenditures	61	61
Rent	1,643	12,097
State Filing Fees		75
Storage	269	1,883
Utilities	519	4,401
Total Expenditures	\$14,442	\$91,655
NET OPERATING REVENUE	\$11,588	\$4,680
NET REVENUE	\$11,588	\$4,680



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Central Intergroup of the Desert

Budget Report

July 2025 - January 2026

		TOTAL	
	ACTUAL	BUDGET	OVER BUDGET
Revenue			
Contributions - Conventions	6,500	5,000	1,500
Contributions - Groups & Individuals	55,457	48,500	6,957
Gratitude Dinner	3,499	8,000	(4,501)
Interest Income	13	900	(887)
Sales	69,458	71,500	(2,042)
Total Revenue	\$134,928	\$133,900	\$1,028
Cost of Goods Sold			
Cost of Goods Sold	37,773	46,475	(8,702)
POS Inventory Adjustment	821		821
Total Cost of Goods Sold	\$38,593	\$46,475	\$ (7,882)
GROSS PROFIT	\$96,335	\$87,425	\$8,910
Expenditures			
Accounting Services	7,000	7,000	0
Computer Expense	3,987	3,790	197
Credit Card Fees	2,578	2,807	(229)
Insurance - Health	5,113	4,375	738
Insurance - Liability	2,170	1,237	933
Insurance - Worker's Comp	1,857	1,079	778
Newsletter Expense	1,554	1,575	(21)
Office Expense	8,899	10,500	(1,601)
Outreach	155	700	(545)
Payroll Expenses	39,826	39,828	(2)
Plant Expenditures	61	473	(412)
Rent	12,097	12,096	1
State Filing Fees	75	75	0
Storage	1,883	1,883	0
Utilities	4,401	4,265	136
Total Expenditures	\$91,655	\$91,683	\$ (28)
NET OPERATING REVENUE	\$4,680	\$ (4,258)	\$8,938
NET REVENUE	\$4,680	\$ (4,258)	\$8,938

Central Intergroup of the Desert

Contributions - Groups & Individuals

January 2026

	TOTAL	
	JAN 2026	JUL 2025 - JAN 2026 (YTD)
3rd 7th 11th Step Meeting		567.18
5th Tradition Dinner Meet Desert Hot Springs		96.50
630 AM PDCC Zoom Joyce Medford		1,150.00
Aging Gracefully in Sobriety	74.76	135.50
Alano Club Palm Springs	100.00	600.00
Anonymous No Group Given	13,690.90	18,196.14
As Bill Sees it Sunny Dunes 830AM		380.39
As She Sees It La Quinta		280.60
Big Book Study L Quinta Library		372.92
Bill's Hour	150.00	307.00
Birthday Contributions	259.00	449.00
Black Sheep Group		250.00
Candle Light Meditation-F Palm Desert	350.00	350.00
Central Intergroup Cathedral City	35.50	188.86
Daily Reprieve (10086)	265.95	1,596.53
Daily Reprieve Zoom (657814)	97.49	299.83
Desert Cities AA Group		2,732.00
Design for Living 101 Group		313.72
District 9 General Service		1,200.00
Dolls of Valley Palm Desert		142.86
Double Winners	87.00	390.95
Female Friends Yucca Valley	63.00	188.00
First Things First	60.00	60.00
Friday 12&12 Step Study	146.00	146.00
Friday Night Big Book Study 29 Palms		100.00
Friday Noon La Quinta Library		354.00
Happy Hour Book Study Palm Desert	63.00	217.00
Happy Hour Group Sunny Dunes		1,558.00
How It Works Palm Desert #1759302854	124.50	124.50
IHOP Overflow Wed. Men's Stag	150.00	150.00
It's A Better Deal Yucca Valley		100.00
Jaywalkers Monday Men's Stag 1000 Palms	68.21	202.01
Just the Black Print		579.32
Keep It Simple Group Speaker Meeting		343.81
La Quinta Library Mon. Big Book Study	522.00	522.00
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
Living Sober Women Sat. La Quinta		322.00
Many Paths Meditation	31.30	31.30
Men's Marauders		112.20
Men's Stag Book Study		100.00

Central Intergroup of the Desert

Contributions - Groups & Individuals

January 2026

	TOTAL	
	JAN 2026	JUL 2025 - JAN 2026 (YTD)
Mid Day Group 00419671	738.95	1,367.21
Monday Daily Reflections 29 Palms		125.00
No Matter What Women's Group	150.20	318.71
No Rules La Quinta	360.00	1,556.00
Noontimers Yucca Valley	30.00	30.00
Ojai Women's Meeting		21.35
One Day At a Time 509245 Palm Desert	130.00	306.50
Original Men's 24773 Stag		410.00
Oxy-Moron Group		100.00
Palm Desert 7 AM Attitude Adj.	282.00	1,949.00
Palm Desert Saturday Speaker's		50.00
Palm Springs Attitude Adjustment Group Group	25.00	150.00
Playing With A Full Deck Palm Desert		245.60
Promises	15.00	15.00
Ray's Wed. Nite Meeting Joshua Tree		183.26
Recovery after Relapse		169.42
Road Runners	200.00	200.00
Santa Rosa Messengers Coachella	333.00	363.00
Saturday 29 Palms 12 & 12		286.00
Serenity Seekers Palm Desert		480.00
Serenity Sisters - Sunny Dunes		100.00
Singleness of Purpose Men's Stag		880.00
Smoking Jackelope Men Stag	100.00	300.00
Sober Divas	75.00	450.00
Sobriety Sisters Palm Desert	100.00	100.00
Solutions in Sobriety Palm Desert	35.50	111.88
Spiritual Awakening in A.A.		125.00
Spiritual Meeting Sun. Noon Yucca Valley	30.00	30.00
Spiritual Meeting Yucca Valley		40.00
St. Paul's Tuesday Night Men's Stag	500.00	500.00
Stay Connected 9am (Zoom)		581.03
Step Sisters Palm Desert	364.00	678.00
Stepping Stones	130.63	361.75
Sun City Ole Time Big Book Study		244.50
Sunday Serenity Group	123.00	804.00
Sunny Dunes 5th Tradition 7AM Att. Adj. Group #100		2,967.35
Sunny Dunes 7am Attitude Adjustment Online Group	507.00	1,147.25
Sunrise Celebrators Palm Desert	107.21	648.11
TGIF Group 611390 Yucca Valley		25.00
There is a Solution		200.00
Thursday Night Discussion 29 Palms		150.00
Tuesday Gut level		60.00
Vets for Vets Palm Desert	64.50	204.50
Wednesday Big Book Study of A.A.		288.00
Winners Meeting Yucca Valley		50.00
Not Specified		100.00
TOTAL	\$20,739.60	\$55,457.35

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2026

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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.