



the Desert Lifeline

April 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,
5:30 p.m.

Fellowship Hall 45940 Portola Ave.
Palm Desert
Mailing Address: PO Box 1843
Palm Desert, CA 92261
www.coachellavalleyhandi.org

Mid-Southern California Area (MSCA)

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

General Service Office New York

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

DCYPAA

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

General Service, District 30
3rd Sunday of the month, 2:00 PM
Yucca Valley Alano Club
57637 Yucca Trail
Yucca Valley, CA 92284
Mailing Address: P O Box 1692
Yucca Valley, CA 92286-1692

FOUR

Step Four

Made a searching and fearless
moral inventory of ourselves.

Tradition Four

Each group should be autonomous
except in matters affecting
other groups or A.A. as a whole.

Concept Four

At all responsible levels, we ought to maintain a
traditional "Right of Participation," allowing a
voting representation in reasonable proportion to
the responsibility that each must discharge.

FOUR

Principle FOUR

Courage - mental or moral strength to venture,
persevere, and withstand danger, fear, or difficulty

February Office Statistics

Meeting Info	19
12 Step Calls	4
Visitors	58
Literature Sales	208
Al-Anon	0
Other 12 Step	
Miscellaneous	36
Business	4
Zoom Attendance	61

Central Intergroup Office of the Desert Board of Directors

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What does Central Office Do for Me???

1. We carry the message to the still suffering alcoholic via telephone calls and 12-step work
2. Insure a steady supply of literature for our groups at an attractive price.
3. Provide a telephone contact service for AA meeting information and other information such as recovery places, other 12-step contact information, other Central Office numbers, etc.
4. Publish a monthly newsletter by and for our local fellowship with local events and articles by local AA members on the Steps, Traditions and Concepts.
5. Assist in forming new groups or help existing groups in carrying out our purpose
6. Help in any way to carry out the sole purpose of Alcoholics Anonymous.
7. Attempt to unify our efforts to achieve this purpose

February 2026

Happy Birthday



Jessica 3 yr.
Samantha W. 8 yr.
Blake H. 10 yr.
Anya 16 yr.

Tom 27 yr.
Dick J. 35 yr.
Julie H. 37 yr.
Rich S. 44 yr.
Patty N. 49 yr.

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

February Volunteers at Central Office

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.
Susan R.
Ted St. L.
Teri P.

Traditions Checklist

Tradition Four: Each group should be autonomous except in matters affecting other groups or AA as a whole.

1. Do I insist that there are only a few right ways of doing things in AA?
2. Does my group always consider the welfare of the rest of AA? Of nearby groups? Of Loners in Alaska? Of Internationalists miles from port? Of a group in Rome or El Salvador?
3. Do I put down other members' behavior when it is different from mine, or do I learn from it?
4. Do I always bear in mind that, to those outsiders who know I am in AA, I may to some extent represent our entire beloved Fellowship?
5. Am I willing to help a newcomer go to any lengths—his lengths, not mine—to stay sober?
6. Do I share my knowledge of AA tools with other members who may not have heard of them?

Step Four

Made a searching and fearless moral inventory of ourselves

Some time ago I heard a story that describes how I recognized my 4th step responsibility to examine my own behavior.

During a battle in the Iraq war a group of U.S. Soldiers were ambushed and many of them were wounded. The officer in charge of the brigade ordered the 1st Sergeant to load up the truck that had transported the soldiers into the battle with the dead and wounded

The 1st Sergeant responded to the officer that he had been shot and could not perform the task. The officer replied "We have all been shot and we have shot others, so load up the truck and lets get out of here."

The similarity between the soldiers and my behavior in the past is that I too have been shot and I have shot others. Although I did not shoot others with a weapon I did so with anger, jealousy and revenge. I expected others to live up to my demands and when they did not I developed deep resentments that lead in time to demoralizing and incomprehensible behavior. I became sick with the disease of these character defects and eventually surrendered through sponsorship and Steps 1, 2 and 3. My sponsor suggested that the only remedy and prescription to combat these faults was to find a higher power and basic humility. These combined with the action of writing a complete moral inventory brought me face to face with myself.

Doing a searching and fearless moral inventory is not a process for cowards. It required absolute honesty and a reflection on my entire life that had been filled with pain and despair.

When I completed my Fourth Step there was for the first time in my life a sense of freedom from all negative feelings that caused self loathing. This was the first tangible evidence of my completed willingness to move forward.

Mary C
Stepping Stones, Fellowship Hall, Palm Desert

I heard someone share in a meeting recently that "God won't give me anything I can't handle." My first sponsor once told me that statement is inaccurate. She said that it's not that 'God won't give you anything you can't handle', it's that "Life won't give me anything GOD can't handle."

Maintaining my spiritual condition is like building a spiritual bank account, upon which I can draw.

The problem I've found is I never get a statement from "the bank" so I have to be careful to keep making deposits, or some dark day I will find myself overdrawn.

When I was new, things were a lot different. For one thing, EVERYBODY smoked and there was NO decaf coffee!

If you work the steps, you can't stop the promises!

Sponsor to Sponsee: "So, how many times have you tried to pray yourself out of a situation that you have behaved yourself into?"

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

*November 15, 2026:
(Wrap Up Meeting)*

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

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

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.
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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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Yes! Please enroll me as a Faithful Fiver!

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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 out 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

The Twelve Steps in Plain English

1. Alcohol will kill me.
2. There's a Power that wants me to live.
3. Do I want to live or die? (if you want to die, stop here).
4. Write about how I got where I am.
5. Tell another person all about me (let God listen).
6. Want to change.
7. Ask a power greater than me to help me change.
8. Write down who I've hurt.
9. Fix what I can without hurting anyone else.
10. Accept that I'm human and will screw up. Fix it immediately.
11. Ask a power greater than me to show me how to live.
12. Keep doing 1 through 11 and pass it on.

I have found that when I work with others, my problems become smaller . . . I think that's because when I talk with my sponsees, and share my experience with what they are walking through, I have put their problems on the front burner, and my problems get put on the back burner --- then I talk with someone else, and in talking, their problems go on the front burner, so the previous sponsees have to go to the back burner . . . all of a sudden, my problems have NO burners, and it's amazing how they can just die away!

"Progress not perfection." It's a statement not an excuse.

We were talking about 'restraint of tongue and pen' and someone said that they had read in the Grapevine that with the increase in texting that perhaps needs to be updated to add '**restraint of thumb and send!**

It's not that surprising that there is a power greater than I am --- since I was taken down by a beverage.

Concept Four

Throughout our Conference structure, we ought to maintain at all responsible levels a traditional "Right of Participation," taking care that each classification or group of our world servants shall be allowed a voting representation in reasonable proportion to the responsibility that each must discharge.

We must bear in mind that when reading this concept that "we are but trusted servants, we do not govern". The principle of "Participation" simply put means that Trustees, Directors, and Executive staff on a world level shall always have a vote in the General Service Conference.

In the early days of Alcoholics Anonymous Bill W. & Dr. Bob placed a Board of Trustees in full legal possession of all service assets including book literature, funds, public relations and A.A. General Service Office. The Trustees had total authority and the A.A. Founders had no authority but most of the responsibility creating trouble and chaos. "Participation" creates a system of checks and balances so that no one entity becomes over-burdened or over-controlling. Another good reason for "Participation" is that it addresses our spiritual needs. Belonging, as a part of, as well as maintaining that we are all special and neither first or second class members of A.A. is consistent with the ideal that we are all equal and have a voice. This not only applies to the world service workers but to our regional and local entities as well.

Steve C
Desert Men's Big Book Study. Palm Desert

HEARD IN THE ROOMS

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

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



"When I want to stop I can't and when I can stop I don't want to!"



April Speaker Meetings



Sobriety Capital of the World Group
ABC Recovery Center
44359 Palm St. Indio
Friday Night 8:00 P. M.

- 04/03 - Kyle S. - Ventura
- 04/10 - Thomas O. - Cathedral City
- 04/17 - Frank B. - Palm Springs
- 04/24 - Louis P. - Huntington Beach

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

- 04/04 - David B. - La Quinta
- 04/11 - Michelle V. - La Quinta
- 04/18 - Moises H. - Palm Desert
- 04/25 - Carol N. - Desert Hot Springs

Bill's Friends



My sponsor says I have to learn from the mistakes of others because I'll never have time to make them all myself.

Tradition Four

Each group should be autonomous except in matters affecting other groups or A.A. as a whole.

We are so blessed here in the valley to have such a wide variety of meetings, meeting halls and with that, an incredible foray of different types such as beginner, discussion, speaker, stags, gay, open, closed, step, and tradition meetings. I even heard there are no rules meetings which are also ok because it is up to the individual group on how they want to run their meeting.

Each 12 step group has complete freedom to decide for itself the program content of its meetings and the topics that will be discussed. The group can decide if the meeting will be opened or closed and when and where the meeting will be held. Each group can decide to change its meeting format and has complete authority to spend its 7th tradition as needed. The group can also decide how it wishes to open and close its meetings. Some groups close with a prayer, while others have a moment of silence. In these matters, each group has total freedom. It is entirely up to the membership of that individual group.

But the second part of this tradition reminds each group that it has a responsibility also to the worldwide AA fellowship. By adhering to the traditions and principals of its program, each group can assure that it will not stray too far away from the program's basic guidelines thus insuring that AA will be around tomorrow, next week and next century.

Joe A
Monday Night Men's Stag, Rancho Mirage



"You are a somebody to your family and a small circle of friends!"



"Of course, you're the only one who can say whether or not you're an alcoholic."



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
 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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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.



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 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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 Name Tag to Read _____
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 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 *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.**

No refunds on canceled events after May 21st

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THANK YOU for understanding.



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Rough Terrain may not be suitable for the physically impaired

Check-in begins at noon on Friday.



April 17, 18 & 19, 2026

Name(s) _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone number _____

Email _____ ***Only put an email if it is OK for EDIW to send you notices***

Couple _____ Single _____ SPECIAL REQUEST _____

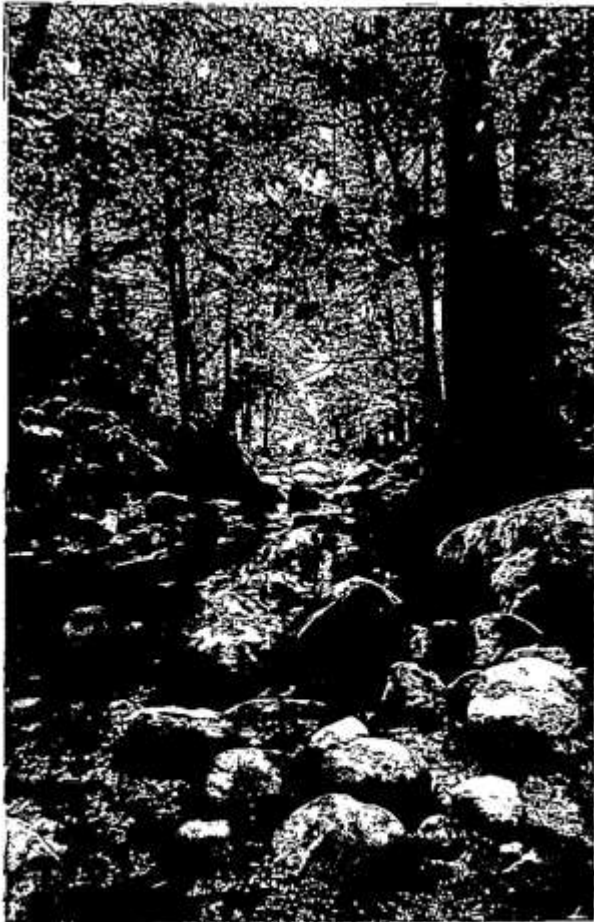
IF YOU WANT TO SHARE CABIN WITH SOMEONE SPECIFIC PUT THEIR NAME HERE _____

IF YOU HAVE BEEN TO CAMP BEFORE & WANT A SPECIFIC CABIN REQUEST CABIN # _____ (NOT GUARANTEED)

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MAY 2

2:00-5:00PM

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2000...3.00
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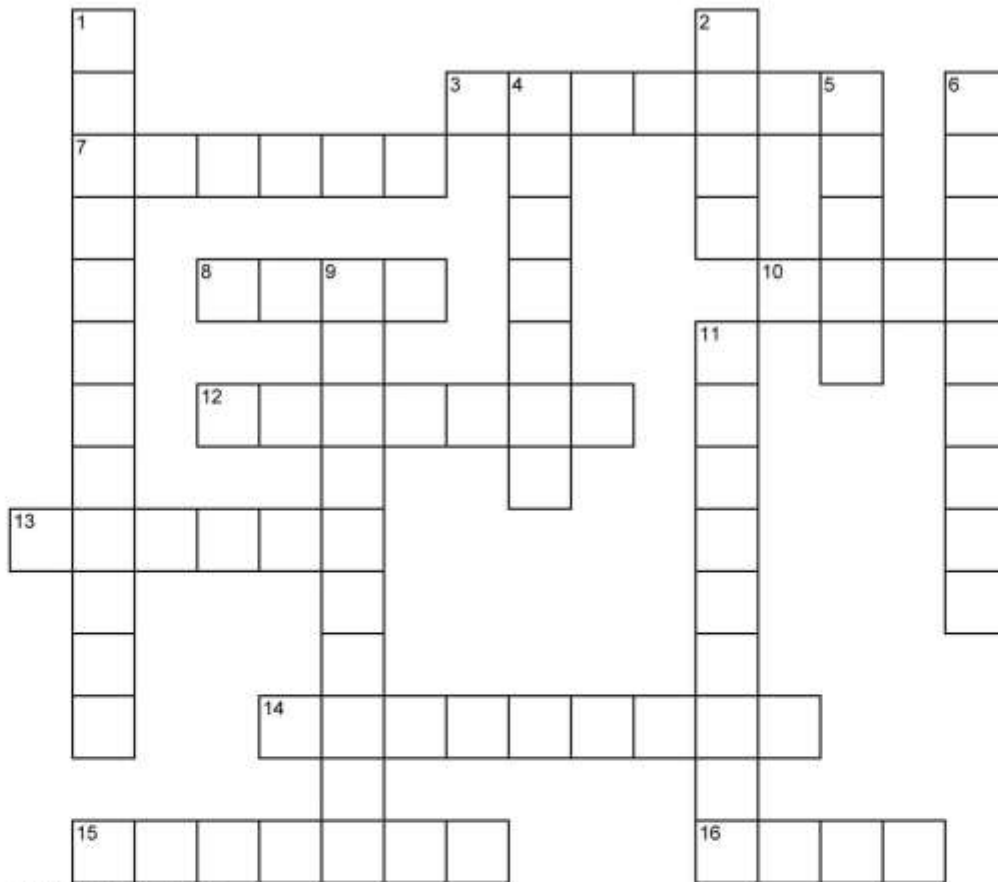
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Acknowledging these economic facts,
why not responsibly compensate

BY DROPPING IN AT LEAST 3 BUCKS FOR 2026 ?

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

April 2026



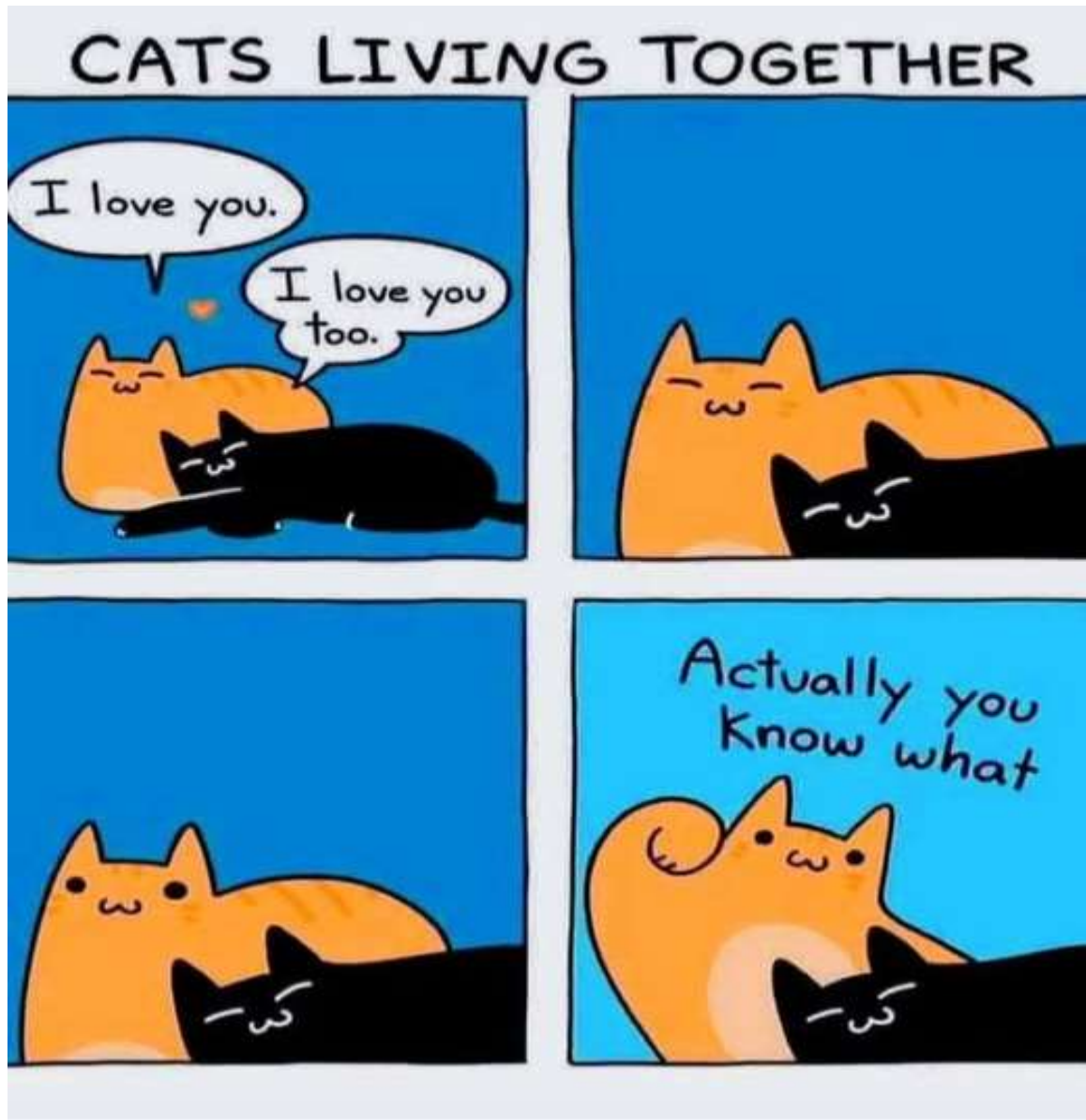
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ACROSS

- 3 what religious bodies our _____ identify themselves with
- 7 will be gratified with the _____.
- 8 foolin'g you, and that after _____ and treatment he will be able to
- 10 feuds of years' sanding _____ away in an hour.
- 12 Made s list of all _____ we had hamed.
- 13 individual was always _____ friendly little jokes about an
- 14 is complicated by other _____.
- 15 out of this world if he only _____ well?
- 16 a letter which lay on my _____, a newspaper clipping fell out

DOWN

- 1 is just another very sick _____ person
- 2 he came to the hospital to _____ his nerves.
- 4 they may do well to _____ the principles by which
- 5 was doing a great deal of _____ drinking.
- 6 where everything is _____ and exaggerated
- 9 value to other families still _____ with their problem.
- 11 We who have _____ from serious drinking,



Book of the month

A Book of Fellowship
90 Years of
Sharing Love and Service

Normally \$18.00—This month \$10.00

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



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MAAD DOG DAZE

52nd ANNUAL | 9th DISTRICT CONVENTION

**AUGUST
7-9 2026**

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52nd ANNUAL | 9th DISTRICT CONVENTION

- You must be registered to attend ticketed events
- To sit together, you must register on-line or mail in requests together
- If registration is not received by 7/20 you may register on-site on 8/07



**MENS
PRE-REGISTRATION T-SHIRT**



**WOMENS
PRE-REGISTRATION T-SHIRT**

REGISTRATION INFO

ONLINE

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- Pre-Registration \$30
- Recovery Home \$15



ON-SITE

On Site Registration \$35
Open 12pm 8/07

BY MAIL

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

GUEST INFORMATION	ITEM	QTY	PRICE	TOTAL
Name _____	Pre-Registration	_____	\$30	_____
_____	Pre-Registration T-Shirt	_____	\$35	_____
Street Address _____	Friday Night Ice Cream Social	_____	\$8	_____
City _____	Saturday Golf Tournament + Lunch	_____	\$100	_____
State, Zip _____	Saturday Salad Lunch	_____	\$40	_____
Phone _____	Saturday Night AA Plated Banquet	_____	\$75	_____
Email _____	Sat. Dinner Choice: <input type="checkbox"/> Beef <input type="checkbox"/> Chicken <input type="checkbox"/> Vegan/Vegetarian	_____		_____
Name Tag To Read _____	Saturday Night Ice Cream Social	_____	\$8	_____
Group and City _____	Sunday AA Buffet Brunch	_____	\$45	_____
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2 nights lodging

Amazing food

Meetings and breakout sessions

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A Weekend of Fellowship, Sobriety & Connection


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 **Location:** Idyllwild Pines, California

 **Dates:** April 24-26



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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."

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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

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.



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Central Intergroup of the Desert

Statement of Activity

February 2026

PROFIT & LOSS

Net profit for February

\$1,188

\$17,049

Income

\$15,861

Expenses

	TOTAL	
	FEB 2026	JUL 2025 - FEB 2026 (YTD)
Revenue		
Contributions - Conventions		6,500
Contributions - Groups & Individuals	8,763	64,220
Gratitude Dinner		3,499
Interest Income	5	18
Sales	8,282	77,740
Total Revenue	\$17,049	\$151,978
Cost of Goods Sold		
Cost of Goods Sold	4,367	42,225
POS Inventory Adjustment		821
Total Cost of Goods Sold	\$4,367	\$43,046
GROSS PROFIT	\$12,682	\$108,932
Expenditures		
Accounting Services	1,000	8,000
Computer Expense	572	4,559
Credit Card Fees	480	3,058
Insurance - Health	697	5,811
Insurance - Liability		2,170
Insurance - Worker's Comp		1,857
Newsletter Expense	185	1,739
Office Expense	957	9,751
Outreach	124	384
Payroll Expenses	4,966	44,791
Plant Expenditures		61
Rent	1,729	13,825
State Filing Fees		75
Storage	269	2,152
Utilities	516	4,916
Total Expenditures	\$11,494	\$103,149
NET OPERATING REVENUE	\$1,188	\$5,782
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Central Intergroup of the Desert

Budget Report

July 2025 - February 2026

	ACTUAL	TOTAL	
		BUDGET	OVER BUDGET
Revenue			
Contributions - Conventions	6,500	5,000	1,500
Contributions - Groups & Individuals	64,220	61,500	2,720
Gratitude Dinner	3,499	8,000	(4,501)
Interest Income	18	900	(882)
Sales	77,740	81,500	(3,760)
Total Revenue	\$151,978	\$156,900	\$ (4,923)
Cost of Goods Sold			
Cost of Goods Sold	42,225	52,975	(10,750)
POS Inventory Adjustment	821		821
Total Cost of Goods Sold	\$43,046	\$52,975	\$ (9,929)
GROSS PROFIT	\$108,932	\$103,925	\$5,007
Expenditures			
Accounting Services	8,000	8,000	0
Computer Expense	4,559	4,340	219
Credit Card Fees	3,058	3,292	(234)
Insurance - Health	5,811	4,975	836
Insurance - Liability	2,170	1,237	933
Insurance - Worker's Comp	1,857	1,079	778
Newsletter Expense	1,739	1,800	(61)
Office Expense	9,751	12,000	(2,249)
Outreach	384	800	(416)
Payroll Expenses	44,791	44,791	0
Plant Expenditures	61	639	(578)
Rent	13,825	13,824	1
State Filing Fees	75	75	0
Storage	2,152	2,152	0
Utilities	4,916	4,765	151
Total Expenditures	\$103,149	\$103,769	\$ (620)
NET OPERATING REVENUE	\$5,782	\$156	\$5,626
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Central Intergroup of the Desert

Contributions - Groups & Individuals

February 2026

	TOTAL	
	FEB 2026	JUL 2025 - FEB 2026 (YTD)
3 7 11 Meeting - THU - Twentynine Palms	23.00	23.00
3rd 7th 11th Step Meeting		567.18
5th Tradition Dinner Meet Desert Hot Springs		96.50
630 AM PDCC Zoom	100.00	1,250.00
Aging Gracefully in Sobriety		135.50
Alano Club Palm Springs	300.00	900.00
Anonymous No Group Given	435.65	18,631.79
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		307.00
Birthday Contributions	267.00	716.00
Black Sheep Group		250.00
Candle Light Meditation-F Palm Desert		350.00
Central Intergroup Cathedral City	72.00	260.86
Daily Reprieve (10086)	401.85	1,998.38
Daily Reprieve Zoom (657814)	116.91	416.74
Desert Cities AA Group		2,732.00
Design for Living 101 Group	342.21	655.93
District 9 General Service		1,200.00
Dolls of Valley Palm Desert	138.95	281.81
Double Winners	47.00	437.95
Double Winners AA Meeting	27.00	27.00
Female Friends Yucca Valley		188.00
First Things First		60.00
Friday 12&12 Step Study		146.00
Friday Night Big Book Study 29 Palms	200.00	300.00
Friday Noon La Quinta Library	600.00	954.00
Good Morning to You Book Study	100.00	100.00
Groovy Group	181.00	181.00
Happy Hour Book Study Palm Desert		217.00
Happy Hour Group Sunny Dunes	750.00	2,308.00
Heritage Palms Wed Nite Women	228.80	228.80
How Is Your Now La Quinta	285.00	285.00
How It Works Palm Desert #1759302854		124.50
IHOP Overflow Wed. Men's Stag		150.00
It's A Better Deal Yucca Valley		100.00
Jaywalkers Monday Men's Stag 1000 Palms		202.01
Just the Black Print		579.32
Keep It Simple Fellowship Desert Hot Springs	100.00	100.00
Keep It Simple Group Speaker Meeting		343.81
La Quinta Library Mon. Big Book Study		522.00
La Quinta Library Wed 12 & 12		212.29

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Contributions - Groups & Individuals

February 2026

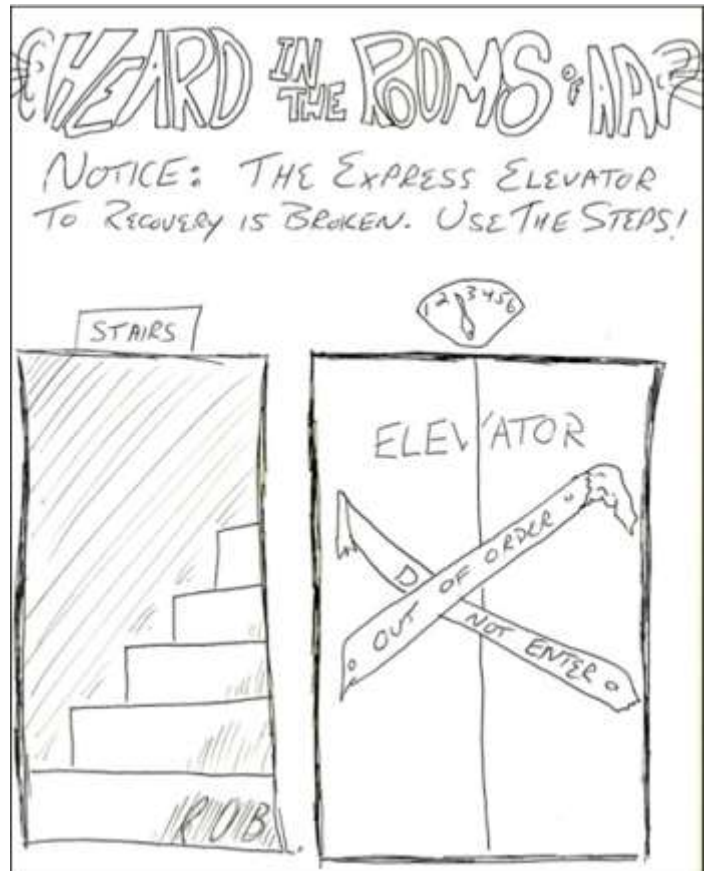
	TOTAL	
	FEB 2026	JUL 2025 - FEB 2026 (YTD)
Last Call Group 104	173.77	523.29
Living Sober Group-Joshua Tree	10.00	30.00
Living Sober Palm Desert		193.00
Living Sober Palm Springs 146975	166.60	166.60
Living Sober Women Sat. La Quinta	105.00	427.00
Many Paths Meditation		31.30
Men's Marauders	220.85	333.05
Men's Stag Book Study		100.00
Mid Day Group 00419671		1,367.21
Monday Daily Reflections 29 Palms		125.00
No Matter What Women's Group	415.47	734.18
No Rules La Quinta		1,556.00
Noontimers Yucca Valley		30.00
Ojai Women's Meeting		21.35
One Day At a Time 509245 Palm Desert		306.50
Original Men's 24773 Stag		410.00
Oxy-Moron Group		100.00
Palm Desert 7 AM Attitude Adj.	253.00	2,202.00
Palm Desert Saturday Speaker's		50.00
Palm Springs Attitude Adjustment Group Group	25.00	175.00
Playing With A Full Deck Palm Desert		245.60
Promises		15.00
Ray's Wed. Nite Meeting Joshua Tree		183.26
Recovery after Relapse	104.00	273.42
Road Runners		200.00
Rock Bottom-THUR Twentynine Palms	150.00	150.00
Rock Bottom-TUE Twentynine Palms	55.00	55.00
Santa Rosa Messengers Coachella		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		300.00
Sober Divas	75.00	525.00
Sobriety Sisters Palm Desert		100.00
Solutions in Sobriety Palm Desert		111.88
Spiritual Awakening in A.A.		125.00
Spiritual Meeting Sun. Noon Yucca Valley		30.00
Spiritual Meeting Yucca Valley		40.00
St. Paul's Tuesday Night Men's Stag		500.00
Stay Connected 9am (Zoom)		581.03
Step Sisters Palm Desert		678.00
Stepping Stones		361.75

Central Intergroup of the Desert

Contributions - Groups & Individuals

February 2026

	TOTAL	
	FEB 2026	JUL 2025 - FEB 2026 (YTD)
Sun City Ole Time Big Book Study		244.50
Sunday Serenity Group	190.00	994.00
Sunny Dunes 5th Tradition 7AM Att. Adj. Group #100	1,499.88	4,467.23
Sunny Dunes 7am Attitude Adjustment Online Group		1,147.25
Sunrise Celebrators Palm Desert	97.99	746.10
TGIF Group 611390 Yucca Valley		25.00
The First 164 Pages	355.75	355.75
The Way Out	149.00	149.00
There is a Solution		200.00
Thursday Night Discussion 29 Palms		150.00
Tuesday Gut level		60.00
Vets for Vets Palm Desert		204.50
Wednesday Big Book Study of A.A.		288.00
Winners Meeting Yucca Valley		50.00
Not Specified		100.00
TOTAL	\$8,762.68	\$64,220.03



Grateful in the Desert!



42nd Annual Gratitude Dinner!

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November 8, 2025 5 PM - 8:30 PM

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