



the Desert Lifeline

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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.
Zoom I.D. 924 237 7111
P.W. Intergroup

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

Step

Were entirely ready to have God
remove all these defects of character.

Tradition

An A.A. group ought never endorse,
finance, or lend the A.A. name
to any related facility or outside
enterprise, lest problems of money,
property, and prestige divert us
from our primary purpose.

Concept

The Conference recognizes that
the chief initiative and active
responsibility in most world service
matters should be exercised by the
trustee members of the Conference
acting as the General Service Board.

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Principle Six

Willingness - disposed or consenting; inclined;
cheerfully consenting or ready

April Office Statistics

Meeting Info	27
12 Step Calls	1
Visitors	39
Literature Sales	234
Al-Anon	0
Other 12 Step	2
Miscellaneous	53
Business	4
Zoom Attendance	54

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

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Belief is watching someone push a wheelbarrow across a tightrope and believing that they will make it to the other side.

Faith is when I am willing to get into the wheelbarrow.

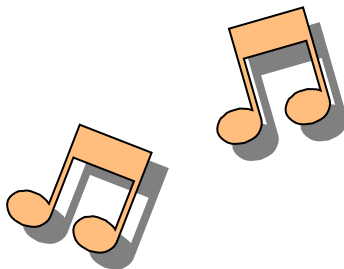
April 2026

Darren 2 yr.
Paul K. 9 yr.
Christa V. 13 yr.
Brian G. 21 yr.
Breanne C. 23 yr.
Kyle C. 23 yr.
Allan G. 28 yr.

**Happy
Birthday**



Paul 28 yr.
Brian A. 28 yr.
Ira M. 41 yr.
Dallas E. 42 yr.
Barney M. 44 yr.
Bruce D. 61 yr.



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

April Volunteers at Central Office

Adam W.
Amelia F.

Thank You !!

Bill T.
Bob B.

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

Thank You !!

Nancy L.
Pavithra S.
Rob H.

Richard B.
Scott H.
Stephen St. L.
Susan R.
Ted St. L.
Teri P.
Victoria A.

At the Expense of Others

"I'm an alcoholic--and a drug addict."

"I have to say this--for me."

"I know this is a meeting of Alcoholics Anonymous but. . ."

I used to think I *had* to share about my drug use. After all, AA teaches us to be rigorously honest, doesn't it? And as a younger person in AA, I was different than a lot of the older, "pure" alcoholics, wasn't I? Nobody is going to tell me what to say. Nobody did, either. (A couple of old-timers took me aside after the meetings to talk about this, but I dismissed them.)

One night, I was talking in the parking lot after a meeting of my home group. As the people cleared out, I realized there were just two of us left--myself and a newcomer. He was in his sixties. We got to talking and he actually seemed to be listening to me! I really felt amazed that a man old enough to be my grandfather would listen to me about anything, and especially about AA.

The meeting that night had been on Step One and many people, including me, recalled their use of drugs (some in great detail). This man and I began to talk about the meeting and then he dropped a bombshell on me. He didn't think he qualified to be an alcoholic because he hadn't used any drugs! Here was a man who drank for more years than I have been alive (most of them, by his account, alcoholically), yet he didn't feel like he belonged in AA. And we were supposedly talking about alcoholism!

Well, I sputtered and stammered for a while and I finally convinced him that the only requirement for membership was a desire to stop drinking and that there were no requirements for drug use involved. Thank God he is still sober. Later that night, I really began to question myself and the message I was carrying. Sure, it was important that I qualified and identified myself, but were the details worth it at the possible expense of others? I realized I should stick to alcohol and alcoholism in order to keep the door wide open, not make it more narrow. If even one person gets the wrong idea and feels they don't belong, that is one too many. Besides, I had been sober for a while and I knew what I was.

I guess I started to think just a little more about other people than I did about myself. So that's why some groups are so concerned about AA's singleness of purpose--some groups in my area even read a statement of singleness of purpose before their meetings. It isn't just to be tedious and nitpicky and to "bust chops," especially the chops of young people. It is so all alcoholics can feel that they belong once they get to AA.

J. H., Dover, Pennsylvania
1992,

AA Grapevine, March

Maxey



The Fine Print

Pharmaceutical commercials have very long disclaimers. But alcoholic beverage ads just say: "Please drink responsibly." If alcohol ads had to follow the same guidelines as pharmaceutical ads, this might be their disclaimer:

Caution: Drinking alcohol may result in vomiting, nausea, indigestion, slurred speech, frequent urination (with pants up or down), memory loss, brain damage, impaired vision, headaches, delusions of grandeur, lying, divorce, unemployment, evictions, bankruptcy, black eyes, broken bones, concussions, bleeding ulcers, cirrhosis of the liver or death! Do not consume if you are allergic to alcohol. If these symptoms persist, call the AA hotline immediately!

Anonymous

Step Six

Were entirely ready to have God remove all these defects of character.

After completing Step 5, I embarked on the journey of Step 6. While I welcomed the demise of some of my character defects there were some that I held onto strongly because they were part of my character for most of my life. It was like getting saying goodbye to an old friend; it's hard to do. Staying sober on a continuous basis with some happiness and serenity is all about changing your perception on how you see yourself from within. I had to be willing to have God remove all my defects of character that were part of my drinking past if I wanted to stay sober and be happy, joyous and free. Unfortunately, in the first ten years of my sobriety, I held on to some of these character defects, which brought me to my knees and an understanding of Emotional Sobriety. I could have easily gone out and gotten drunk. Fortunately I called a close friend in AA, and we met and talked about the incident I just experienced. I did Step 6 over again and finally let go of the old demons.

It's very important to toss out every defect of character within you if you want to be happy, joyous and free in sobriety. After learning emotional sobriety in my tenth year of sobriety my AA journey has been awesome. So many new doors have opened up since then in my AA way of life.

Dave K
Joshua Tree Fellowship Hall, Joshua Tree

I thought I was being helpful. My sponsor called it control and manipulation.

I thought I was offering my opinion. My sponsor said "the hamster's dead and wheels still turning."

I thought I was a victim. My sponsor said, "When you push other to their limit, you're a volunteer."

I thought I was being tenacious. My friend said, "You're a dog with a bone."

Dear Alcohol,

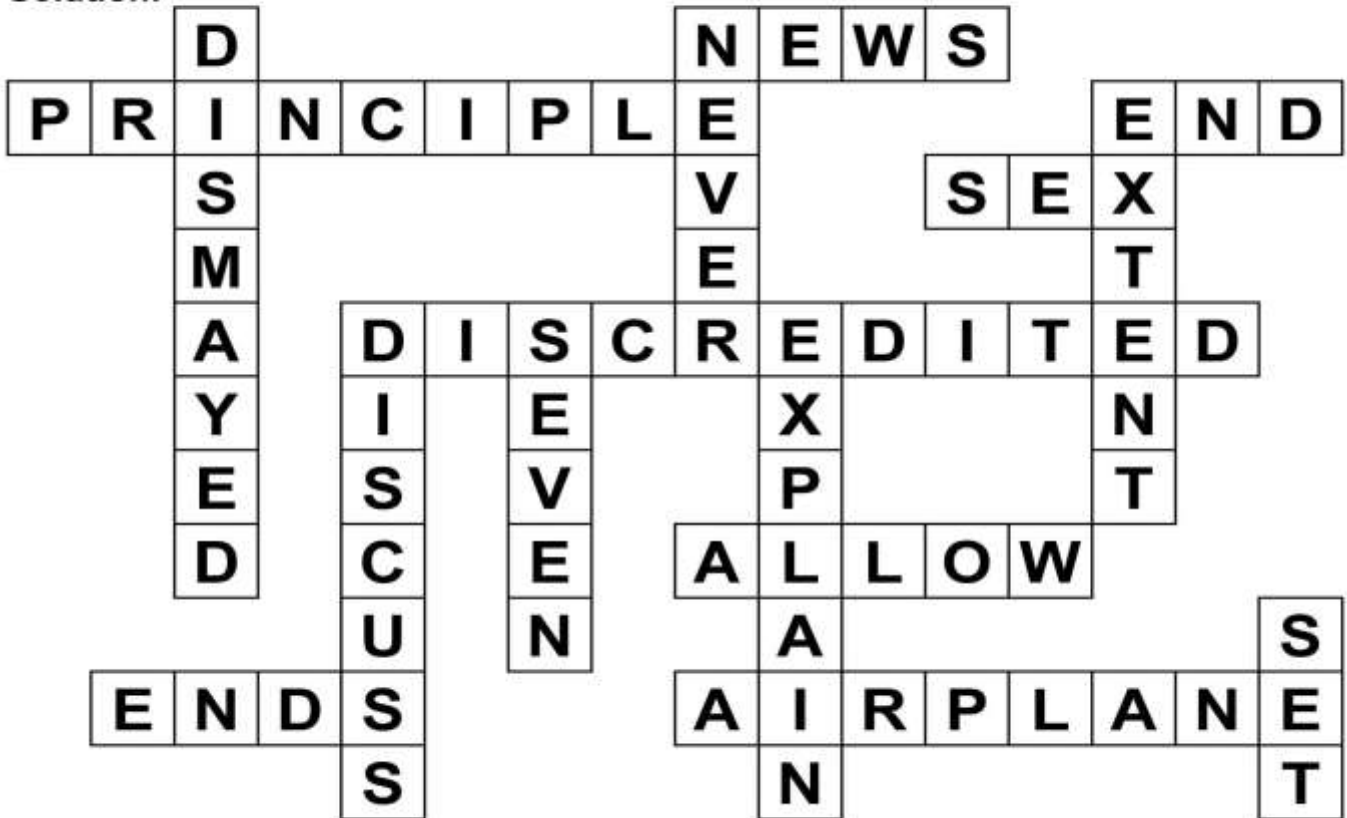
We had a deal where you would make me funnier, smarter and a better dancer

I saw the video

We need to talk

May 2026

Solution:



Tradition Six

An A.A. group ought never endorse, finance, or lend the A.A. name to any related facility or outside enterprise, lest problems of money, property, and prestige divert us from our primary purpose.

As stated in Tradition Five, our primary purpose is to carry the message of AA to the alcoholic who still suffers. AA was never organized to be a profit-driven organization. AA should not be involved in outside interests just because it indirectly might benefit AA. As an example, if AA lent its name, or helped finance a rehab center for alcoholics, our focus might change from trying to help other alcoholics attain sobriety into running a rehab center. In business where profit drives the organization, money comes with many conditions. All decisions in AA are made by the group conscience not by individuals or committees. If AA became involved as a lender of money or property, how could decisions be made under the current structure of AA? Tradition Six is the solution. Any operation involving money, property or the name of AA must remain separate and distinct from AA. By keeping the affiliation of AA groups or members outside of AA, we avoid any possible confusion about the "only objective" of AA - helping others to achieve sobriety and enjoy the miracles of the program of Alcoholics Anonymous.

Marty F
Serenity Seekers, Friday night, Palm Desert

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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Yes! Please enroll me as a Faithful Fiver!

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

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____

Zip _____

Phone _____

Email _____

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.

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



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For Zelle contribution use
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Neglect, The Elephant in the Room

Continuous Credibility Leads to Integrity

By Rick R.

When we are satisfied that we have given steps one through five our best effort and have identified the most glaring defects of character and shortcomings, it is now time to affect the changes in the most obvious of our faulty thoughts and the behaviors that stem from those thoughts by addressing them in *steps six and seven*. To be successful in this endeavor, we must first get honest with ourselves and begin to *establish some credibility* and by that, I mean *always doing the things we say we are going to do*. We bring most of *the basic flaws out in the open* as we become aware of them. Then, if we are sure that we are committed to the program, we will want to set in place, principles to live by that cut off our own escape when we stumble and want to revert to that old way of thinking. Most of us do this with the help of a sponsor or a mentor, if you like, and go by the book as best we can. I did what I thought was a thorough job of it, then one day, about thirty years ago, I was trying to park my car in a somewhat crowded parking lot and as I found the spot I wanted there was a shopping cart blocking my way. I got out of my car and moved the cart aside, then parked my car. I then got that shopping cart and pushed it back to the store entrance, then went about my business. From that day on, when parking at any market, I search for a stray shopping cart and take it back to the store just to make up for all the times I shoved one into the flower bed and drove away. After telling that story at meetings over the years, I hear people telling how it is uncomfortable for them to leave the cart adrift in the parking lot, and we all get a big laugh out of it. Neglect, I can tell, the word *neglect* is only mentioned two times in the Big Book (pg. 97 and pg. 129) and two times in the 12&12. (pg. 81 and pg. 151) And seldom, if ever, has it been the topic of a meeting that I can recall. It is like the proverbial *elephant in the room*. As I started to catch myself shirking my responsibilities it became obvious to me that if I wanted to regain some form of self-respect and dignity, I was going to have to put the word *Neglect* on my list of shortcomings and *question my integrity*. Do I do what is right even when there is no one watching? If credibility is *always doing what I say I am going to do*, then *Integrity*, to me, is *a whole bunch of credibility*. To cut off my own escape I do routine things every day, that cost me nothing and the result of that is a clear conscience. If I am doing the little things that I should, I find it much easier to give the big things that same sort of attention. I never throw trash out of the car window, I pick up after myself, I never walk away from my bed in the morning without making it, and I liken that to being an unspoken prayer saying, I will be responsible, I will be orderly, I will be neat, and I will not be neglectful, I will be respectful, I will stay on the unselfish side of the ledger in all of my decisions, I sometimes revisit those pages in the Big Book and the 12&12 and I try my best not to ignore *the elephant in the room*.



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



Speaker Meetings



**Palm Desert Group
Fellowship Hall,
Palm Desert**

Saturday Night, 8:00 p.m.

- 6/06 - Lauren P - Rancho Mirage
- 6/13 - Open Discussion
- 6/20 - Anthony C. - Los Angeles
- 6/27 - Debbie B. - Palm Desert

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

Indio

Friday Night, 8 p.m.

- 6/05 - Eric G. - San Diego
- 6/12 - Corey J. - Orange County
- 6/19 - Dana G. - Orange County
- 6/26 - Wane . - Los Angeles

\$7.80

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Book of the month **Living Sober**

(Large Print)

Normally \$7.80 - this month \$6.00

This practical booklet demonstrates through simple examples how A.A. members throughout the world live and stay away from that "first drink" one day at a time. Covers topics such as attending events where alcohol is served, relationships in sobriety and much more.

General Service Conference-approved. .

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Softcover 7" x 10.25 "104 pages

Large print

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



One unique thing our office provides is:

Free Canine Therapy.

Sammy has the primary position of
Customer Service Representative,
but is particularly qualified when it comes to
Unconditional Love!

Step Six & Seven: Defects and Short Comings

The Habits of Credibility Lead to Integrity

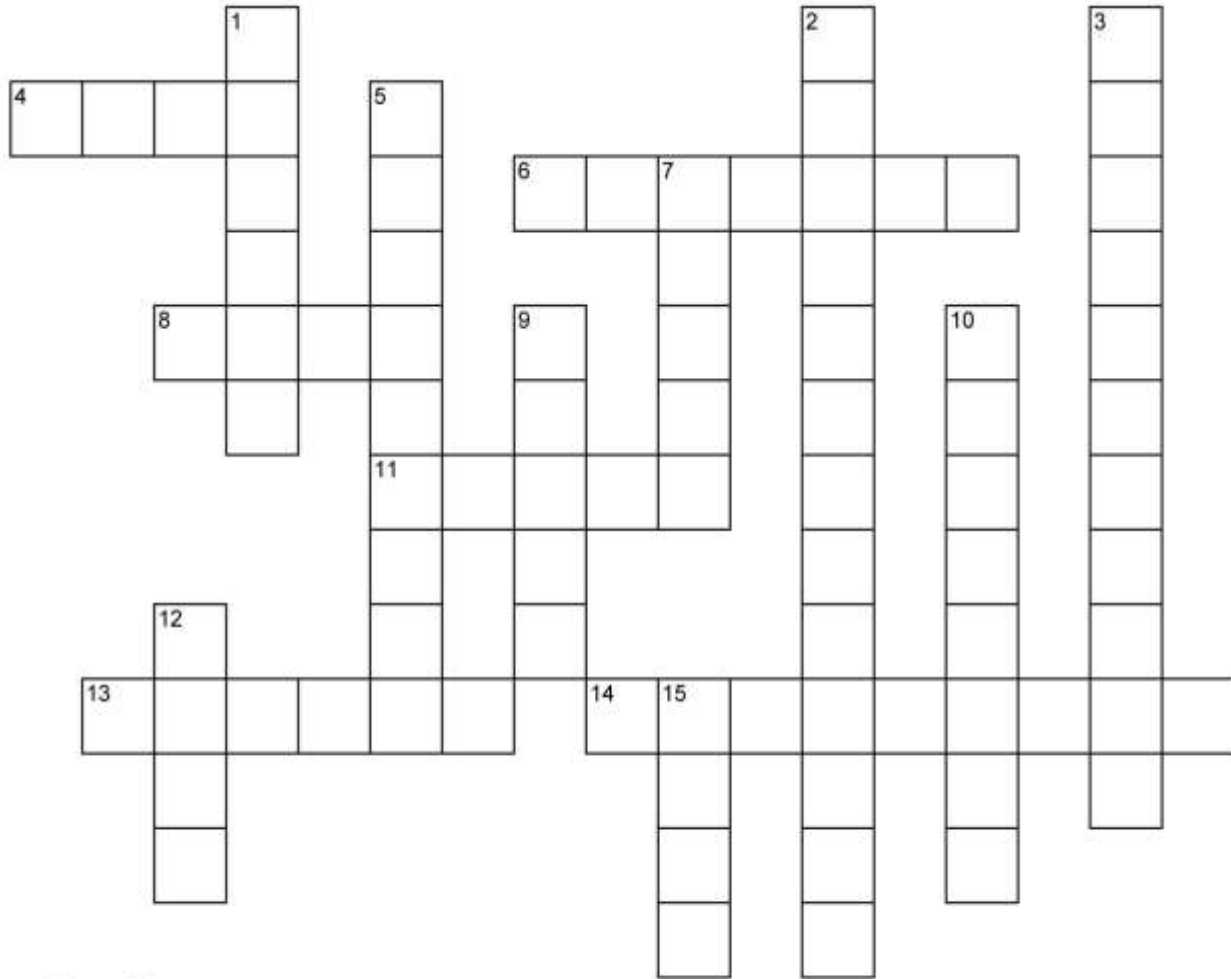
By Rick R.

Sometimes the wording used in The Big Book (Alcoholics Anonymous) and in The Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions (12&12) mean something different to individuals often based on how they evolved with respect to Religion, Agnosticism, Atheism, and other developmental histories. This may be confusing to some of us, especially Step Six in the 12&12 as it talks of God removing these defects of character the way God removed the obsession to drink. In simple terms I try to word the Step Six process in a way anyone can understand it and my goal is not to offend anyone by being over simplistic but most of our actions and behaviors stem from our thinking and if our thinking is of a fearful nature, we are bound to make bad decisions while trying to defend ourselves.

The defects we identify in the Step Four inventory disclose in step five and address in Step Six, are biproducts of our fears and insecurities and are of a spiritual nature as in our inner self.

The shortcomings we address in Step Seven are of a material nature (actions and behaviors) that result from those fears and insecurities.

If, in the program, we discover a defect of character and address it properly the short coming diminishes and becomes irrelevant. A simpler way I try to describe this process is as follows: Suppose you purchased a new car and drove off the lot and as you reached the first stop sign you hit the brakes, the car slowed down but did not stop as it should and drifted out into the intersection. You then returned to the car lot and explained what happened, they checked it out and discovered that the wrong brakes were installed at the factory. They agreed to correct the mistake. This time when you drove away and approached the stop sign the car stopped as it was supposed to, and it also stopped at every other stop sign or red light. Once the defect was identified and corrected, the short coming went away. I look at defects as the unseen part of our makeup such as: thoughts, motives, fears, feelings, ego, etc. I look at shortcomings as the results of those inner thoughts and feelings such as: gossip, lying, verbal abuse, cheating, theft, criticism, and so on. In step four we identified our defects of character (fear and Insecurity) and in step five we owned and exposed them. In Step Six and Seven we start to replace our selfish and shameful thoughts and motives with unselfish habits and deeds. There is no need to overcomplicate the process. As we begin to stay on the unselfish side of the behavioral ledger, we begin to establish a new record, and if all our motives are of an unselfish spirit, we start to establish some credibility, which, in time, leads to integrity. If individuals employ the dynamics I described in Step Six and Seven, he/she will be a different person, in Spirit, when they reach Step nine, and it will make it much easier to make amends backed up by a mountain of integrity. The steps of the program are numbered in order for a reason and if a person is struggling with one of these steps it might be wise to look back and be sure that they did not skimp on an earlier step or leave out something important. If an Alcoholic has a desire to live a happy and useful life, the steps of the program are a pathway to achieve that goal provided they stick with the plan. Not everything will go our way in the beginning but, if we persist, in time things will go exceptionally well. In the words of Preacher Roe: "Sometimes you eat the Bear, Sometimes the Bear eats you." I say, "Perseverance will always eat the Bear"!



www.CrosswordWeaver.com

ACROSS

- 4 Many times I have _____ to pieces long ago
- 6 we are no longer _____ the show, humbly saying
- 8 danger of excitement, _____, anger, worry, self-pity, or
- 11 Afterword, we _____ ourselves accepting many
- 13 reveal that he has _____ his expense account
- 14 past thus becomes the _____ asset of the family

DOWN

- 1 It is _____, however, that one does not
- 2 Each inquiry was _____ answered
- 3 our own actions are partly _____.
- 5 life through work and self-_____ for others, he could not
- 7 You may _____ to encourage him to play once
- 9 loneliness and despair I _____ in that bitter morass
- 10 their futility and their _____
- 12 to make mortar without _____?
- 15 he came to the hospital to _____ his nerves.



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
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 44-400 Indian Wells Lane, Indian Wells, CA 92210
 Hotel direct line: (760) 773-4444

Important Convention/Hotel Policies:

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

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

THANK YOU for understanding.



ONLINE REGISTRATION OPENS January 2nd through June 5th

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Onsite Registration OPENS June 11th at noon



CONVENTION REGISTRATION

Name _____
FIRST LAST
 Address _____
 City, State & Zip _____
 Telephone () _____
 Email _____
 Name Tag to Read _____
 Group or City _____
 AA Al-Anon Guest

Name _____
FIRST LAST
 Address _____
 City, State & Zip _____
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 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 *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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C'MON AND JOIN US AT THE DESERT ROUNDUP!

When: June 11 - 14, 2026 Where: RENAISSANCE ESMERALDA RESORT, INDIAN WELLS

BADGE REQUIRED FOR ALL MEETINGS AND INDOOR EVENTS, for more information go to www.Desertroundup.com (Only certified "Americans with Disabilities Act" Service Dogs allowed)

Thursday, June 11	Noon – 7:00 PM	Registration/Badge Pick-up
	8:00 PM	AA Speaker Meeting – Debbie G. (Vista)
	9:30 PM	Ice Cream Social
	9:30 PM	Sing-Along/Karaoke
Friday, June 12	7:00 AM	AA Participation Meeting
	8:00 AM – 7:30 PM	Registration/Badge Pick-up
	9:00 AM	AA Topic/Discussion Meeting "Living In The Now"
	10:30 AM	Al-Anon Topic/Discussion Meeting "Recognizing Our Options"
	12:30 PM	AA Topic/Discussion Meeting "If We Are Fooling Ourselves, A Competent Advisor Can See This Quickly"...Bill Wilson' Essay on Honesty and Inventory
	12:30 PM	Al-Anon Topic/Discussion Meeting "Get Up From The Table When Love Is No Longer Served"
	1:45 PM	Al-Anon Topic/Discussion Meeting "When Love Is Not Enough"
	2:00 PM	AA Topic/Speaker Meeting, Dick J, Ben P "AA History"
	4:00 PM	AA Longtimer's Meeting (Everyone Welcome)
	6:30 PM	AA Young People's Speaker Meeting – Sheila A (Palm Desert) (Everyone Welcome)
	8:30 PM	AA Opening Speaker Meeting – Darren P (Santa Barbara)
10:00 PM	Ice Cream Social	
10:00 PM	Young at Heart DJ Dance (15+)	
Saturday, June 13	7:00 AM	AA Participation Meeting
	8:00 AM – 4:30 PM	Registration/Badge Pick-up
	8:30 AM	Interview With A Drunk Meeting – Charlie C (Camarillo)
	9:00 AM	Al-Anon Topic/Discussion Meeting – "Fear Vs Faith: Who's Driving Today"
	10:00 AM	Al-Anon Topic/Discussion Meeting – "The Recipe For Success In Al-Anon"
	10:30 AM	AA Women's Meeting "Am I Taking Myself Too Seriously And You Too Personally?"
	10:30 AM	AA Men's Stag "A New Life"
	11:45 AM	Al-Anon Luncheon – Juanita U (Santa Fe, NM)
	2:30 PM	AA/Al-Anon Family Meeting – Steve and Val N (Rancho Cucamonga)
	5:30 PM	Al-Anon Topic/Discussion "Wake Up, You Can't Save Them"
	6:00 PM	Banquet/Meeting – Jimmy A (Spring Lake, NJ)
Approx 7:30 PM	Video Broadcast of Banquet Speaker	
Approx 8:45 PM	AA Topic/Discussion Meeting "Chapter 11: A Vision For You"	
Approx 9:00 PM	Young in Spirit DJ Dance ((15+)	
Sunday, June 14	7:00 AM	AA Participation Meeting
	8:15 AM	AA Breakfast/Closing Meeting
	Approx 9:30 AM	AA Closing Meeting (only) – Laura B (Marble Falls, TX)

PLEASE JOIN US DURING THE WEEKEND FOR A CUP OF COFFEE, A HOT DOG (or SOME NEW HEALTHY CHOICES, IN OUR HOSPITALITY ROOM... MEET NEW FRIENDS AND DO SOME ONE-ON-ONE SHARING. AND, IF YOU NEED A BREAK, VISIT THE SERENITY ROOM ON THE TERRACE LEVEL.

UPCOMING CONVENTIONS:

52nd Annual MAAD Dog Daze, Aug 7 – 9, 2026 (Hilton Doubletree Golf Resort, Cathedral City)

42nd Annual South Bay Family Roundup, Sept 4 – 7, 2026 (Sonesta Hotel, Redondo Beach Marina)

74th Annual Southern California Convention, Oct 16 – 18, 2026 (Westin Rancho Mirage Resort, Rancho Mirage)

MAAD DOG DAZE



52nd ANNUAL | 9th DISTRICT CONVENTION

**AUGUST
7-9 2026**

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Weekend Events:

SPEAKER MEETINGS, MARATHON MEETINGS, POOL PARTY,
KARAOKE, DJ DANCE PARTY, *GOLF TOURNAMENT, YOGA,
GUIDED MEDITATIONS, BINGO, RAFFLE PRIZES, 50/50,
MONEY TREE, AND MORE!

*INDICATES TICKETED EVENT



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- 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

Scan To Register On-line



or visit maaddogdaze.org

- 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	_____
Street Address _____	Pre-Registration T-Shirt	_____	\$35	_____
City _____	Friday Night Ice Cream Social	_____	\$8	_____
State, Zip _____	Saturday Golf Tournament + Lunch	_____	\$100	_____
Phone _____	Saturday Salad Lunch	_____	\$40	_____
Email _____	Saturday Night AA Plated Banquet	_____	\$75	_____
Name Tag To Read _____	Sat. Dinner Choice: <input type="checkbox"/> Beef <input type="checkbox"/> Chicken <input type="checkbox"/> Vegan/Vegetarian	_____		_____
Group and City _____	Saturday Night Ice Cream Social	_____	\$8	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> AA <input type="checkbox"/> Al-Anon <input type="checkbox"/> Guest	Sunday AA Buffet Brunch	_____	\$45	_____
Pre-Reg Shirt: MENS Size <input type="checkbox"/> S <input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> L <input type="checkbox"/> XL <input type="checkbox"/> XXL <input type="checkbox"/> XXXL	Newcomer Donation	_____	\$	_____
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SAVE THE DATE



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 **August 7-9, 2026**

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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.

Concept Six

The Conference recognizes that the chief initiative and active responsibility in most world service matters should be exercised by the trustee members of the Conference acting as the General Service Board.

“On behalf of A.A. as a whole, our General Service Conference has the principal responsibility for the maintenance of our world services, and it traditionally has the final decision respecting large matters of general policy and finance. But the Conference also recognizes that the chief initiative and the active responsibility in most of these matters should be exercised primarily by the Trustee members of the Conference when they act among themselves as the General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous.”

In reviewing the principles embodied in Concept 6, it is important to remember that it would not be practical for A.A. groups to act decisively respecting world service affairs. Therefore, the A.A. groups have delegated a great amount of active authority and responsibility to their Conference. In turn, the Conference delegates a liberal administrative authority to the General Service Board, in order that the Trustees may act freely and effectively in the absence of the Conference itself.

The Conference is the most influential group of world servants that A.A. has, but the A.A.'s Board of Trustees should be as an influential group as the total Conference. Therefore, Concept 6 takes into consideration the importance of the influence the Board of Trustees has over our active service corporations. Consequently, Concept 6 considers carefully the kind and degree of authority, responsibility, leadership, and legal status the Trustees must possess in order to function at top effectiveness over the years to come. In addition, clear definitions are provided in Concept 10 as related to the several kinds of professional and financial skills that will always be required for a balanced trusteeship.

Furthermore, Concept 6 details how the Trustees are related to the Conference and the A.A. Service Corporations. Of course the conference charter has no desire to freeze these relations into a rigid pattern. The authors of the original charter recognized the future may reveal flaws that we do not yet envision. New conditions may require refinements or even considerable alterations. Therefore, the service Charter is capable to be readily amended by the Conference itself. The Conference as well as the Board of Trustees based their arrangements out of experience. When this is done, A.A. shall not be hampered later on by such a lack of misunderstanding that we could be tempted into hasty or unwise amendments.

Concept 6 provides for a more specific examination of the need for wide latitude of administrative freedom for the Trustees of the General Service Board. The Charter has reinforced this provisions by granting to all world service bodies, including the Trustees, the traditional Rights of “Decision,” “Participation,” and “Appeal.” There cannot leave little doubt what the actual administrative responsibilities of the Trustees are; nor any question that their authority in this area is large indeed.

Finally, Concept 6 allows A.A. to hold the Trustees responsible for all our service activities, world-wide public relations, the active guardians of our Twelve Traditions, and are A.A.'s bankers. With the professional expertise and the subsequent latitude to perform their duties, the Trustees of the General Service Board ensure that Alcoholics Anonymous will always be there for current and potential alcoholics all over the world.

John T
Just The Black Print Big Book Study, Rancho Mirage



Central Intergroup of the Desert

Statement of Activity

April 2026

PROFIT & LOSS

Net profit for April

-\$183

\$16,782

Income

\$16,965

Expenses

	TOTAL	
	APR 2026	JUL 2025 - APR 2026 (YTD)
Revenue		
Contributions - Conventions		6,500
Contributions - Groups & Individuals	8,219	85,982
Gratitude Dinner	0	3,499
Interest Income	110	130
Sales	8,453	99,380
Total Revenue	\$16,782	\$195,492
Cost of Goods Sold		
Cost of Goods Sold	4,839	54,768
POS Inventory Adjustment	(56)	685
Total Cost of Goods Sold	\$4,783	\$55,452
GROSS PROFIT	\$11,999	\$140,039
Expenditures		
Accounting Services	1,000	10,000
Computer Expense	533	5,641
Credit Card Fees	414	3,876
Insurance - Health	697	7,205
Insurance - Liability	332	3,206
Insurance - Worker's Comp	40	1,897
Newsletter Expense	187	2,335
Office Expense	1,241	12,091
Outreach	27	437
Payroll Expenses	4,964	54,720
Plant Expenditures	268	1,391
Rent	1,728	17,280
State Filing Fees		75
Storage	269	2,690
Utilities	482	5,913
Total Expenditures	\$12,182	\$128,757
NET OPERATING REVENUE	\$ (183)	\$11,282
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Budget Report

July 2025 - April 2026

		TOTAL	
	ACTUAL	BUDGET	OVER BUDGET
Revenue			
Contributions - Conventions	6,500	9,600	(3,100)
Contributions - Groups & Individuals	85,982	76,000	9,982
Gratitude Dinner	3,499	8,000	(4,501)
Interest Income	130	900	(770)
Sales	99,380	100,500	(1,120)
Total Revenue	\$195,492	\$195,000	\$492
Cost of Goods Sold			
Cost of Goods Sold	54,768	65,325	(10,557)
POS Inventory Adjustment	685		685
Total Cost of Goods Sold	\$55,452	\$65,325	\$ (9,873)
GROSS PROFIT	\$140,039	\$129,675	\$10,364
Expenditures			
Accounting Services	10,000	10,000	0
Computer Expense	5,641	5,740	(99)
Credit Card Fees	3,876	4,057	(181)
Insurance - Health	7,205	6,295	910
Insurance - Liability	3,206	2,314	892
Insurance - Worker's Comp	1,897	1,079	818
Newsletter Expense	2,335	2,250	85
Office Expense	12,091	15,000	(2,909)
Outreach	437	1,000	(563)
Payroll Expenses	54,720	54,720	(0)
Plant Expenditures	1,391	1,958	(567)
Rent	17,280	17,280	(0)
State Filing Fees	75	75	0
Storage	2,690	2,690	0
Utilities	5,913	5,590	323
Total Expenditures	\$128,757	\$130,048	\$ (1,291)
NET OPERATING REVENUE	\$11,282	\$ (373)	\$11,655
NET REVENUE	\$11,282	\$ (373)	\$11,655

Here's a perspective from my sponsor that I sometimes wish I hadn't heard. I start my day with prayer. I ask God to show me through the day how I can be of service. I pray for acceptance of God's will in my life. Then I go through my day. And then I complain about what's happening in my day. Now how does that make sense?

A pessimist sees the glass as half empty ---
 An optimist sees the glass as half full ---
 An economist sees the glass as too large ---
 An alcoholic sees the glass as pointless!

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Contributions - Groups & Individuals

April 2026

	TOTAL	
	APR 2026	JUL 2025 - APR 2026 (YTD)
12 and 12 Men's Stag Palm Desertert	250.00	250.00
164 Group - WED - Palm Springs		114.97
3 7 11 Meeting - THU - Twentynine Palms		23.00
3rd 7th 11th Step Meeting		1,219.18
5th Tradition Dinner Meet Desert Hot Springs		96.50
Aging Gracefully in Sobriety	64.81	200.31
Alano Club Palm Springs		1,200.00
Anonymous No Group Given	352.92	22,287.51
As Bill Sees it Sunny Dunes 830AM		380.39
As She Sees It #000690557		484.30
Big Book Study L Quinta Library		372.92
Bill's Hour		307.00
Birthday Contributions	1,182.00	2,231.00
Black Sheep Group		250.00
Candle Light Meditation-F Palm Desert		350.00
CDM Men's Stag-TUE	450.00	450.00
Central Intergroup Cathedral City	51.00	311.86
Daily Reprieve (10086)	51.30	2,161.73
Daily Reprieve Zoom (657814)	136.83	697.32
Desert Cities AA Group		4,662.00
Desert Women's Banquet		1,166.68
Design for Living 101 Group	414.27	1,070.20
DHS Noon Discussion - THU Desert Hot Springs	50.00	50.00
District 9 General Service		1,200.00
Dolls of Valley Palm Desert		281.81
Double Winners	37.00	644.95
Faithful Fivers	140.00	480.00
Female Friends 118265 Yucca Valley	50.00	238.00
First Things First		60.00
Friday 12&12 Step Study		146.00
Friday Night Big Book Study 29 Palms		300.00
Friday Noon La Quinta Library	250.00	1,604.00
Good Morning to You Book Study		100.00
Great Events Kent Stevenson 655942	100.00	100.00
Groovy Group		181.00
Gut Level Participation Yucca Valley	30.00	30.00
Happy Hour Book Study Palm Desert	75.00	292.00
Happy Hour Group Sunny Dunes	752.00	3,060.00
Heritage Palms Wed Nite Women		228.80
How Is Your Now La Quinta	26.15	311.15
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

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April 2026

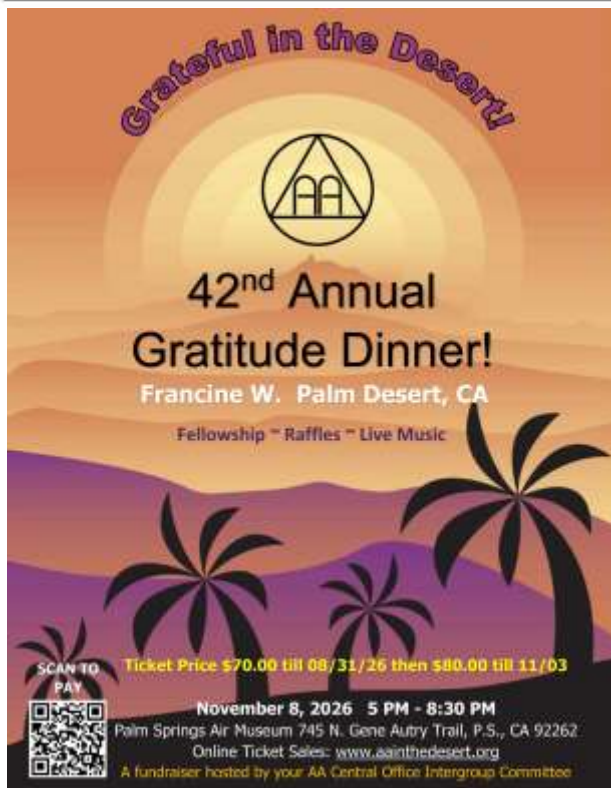
	APR 2026	TOTAL JUL 2025 - APR 2026 (YTD)
Jaywalkers Monday Men's Stag 1000 Palms	46.70	248.71
Just the Black Print		579.32
Keep It Simple Fellowship Desert Hot Springs		200.00
Keep It Simple Group Speaker Meeting		343.81
La Quinta Library Mon. Big Book Study		761.00
La Quinta Library Wed 12 & 12		712.29
Last Call Group 104		523.29
Living Sober Group-Joshua Tree		30.00
Living Sober Palm Desert		193.00
Living Sober Palm Springs 146975		253.60
Living Sober Women Sat. La Quinta		427.00
Maad Dog Daze Rancho Mirage	2.00	2.00
Many Paths Meditation		59.30
Men's Marauders	120.00	453.05
Men's Stag Book Study		100.00
Mid Day Group 00419671		2,367.21
Monday Daily Reflections 29 Palms		125.00
No Matter What Women's Group	131.75	914.35
No Rules La Quinta		2,039.00
Noontimers Yucca Valley		30.00
Ojai Women's Meeting		21.35
One Day At a Time Palm Desert 000509245	91.00	696.50
Original Men's 24773 Stag		410.00
Over 50 12&12 Group		132.07
Oxy-Moron Group		100.00
Palm Desert 7 AM Attitude Adj.	267.00	2,638.00
Palm Desert Saturday Speaker's		150.00
Palm Springs Attitude Adjustment Group Group		225.00
PDCC 630 AM Zoom	220.00	1,570.00
Playing With A Full Deck 49925	212.00	457.60
Promises		15.00
Ray's Wed. Nite Meeting Joshua Tree		183.26
Recovery after Relapse		273.42
Road Runners	200.00	400.00
Rock Bottom-THUR Twentynine Palms		150.00
Rock Bottom-TUE Twentynine Palms		55.00
Rush Hour Group		310.00
Santa Rosa Messengers Coachella	100.00	463.00
Saturday 29 Palms 12 & 12		286.00
Serenity Seekers Palm Desert		720.00
Serenity Sisters - Sunny Dunes		100.00
Singleness of Purpose Men's Stag		880.00
Smoking Jackelope Men Stag		300.00

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Contributions - Groups & Individuals

April 2026

	TOTAL	
	APR 2026	JUL 2025 - APR 2026 (YTD)
Sober Divas	75.00	675.00
Sobriety Sisters Palm Desert		100.00
Solutions in Sobriety Palm Desert		206.88
Spiritual Awakening in A.A.		225.00
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)	554.09	1,135.12
Step Sisters Palm Desert		678.00
Stepping Stones	151.50	513.25
Sun City Ole Time Big Book Study		244.50
Sunday Serenity Group	150.00	1,349.00
Sunny Dunes 5th Tradition 7AM Att. Adj. Group #100		4,467.23
Sunny Dunes 7am 424824 Attitude Adjustment Online Group	651.00	1,798.25
Sunrise Celebrators Palm Desert	131.51	968.62
TGIF Group 611390 Yucca Valley		25.00
The First 164 Pages	352.00	707.75
The Way Out		149.00
There is a Solution	300.00	500.00
Thursday Night Discussion 29 Palms		150.00
Tuesday Gut level		60.00
Vets for Vets Palm Desert		254.50
Wednesday Big Book Study of A.A.		288.00
Winners Meeting Yucca Valley		50.00
TOTAL	\$8,218.83	\$85,982.31



Join Us!

Come Join us for the next Gratitude Dinner Committee Meeting July 5th at Central Office. The meeting is held in-person and online (call the office for ID and Password). There are 14 committee chairs that need members to commit to the planning and commitments at the November 8th event. Please join us to make this year's event a memorable experience for all in the Fellowship...Especially Newcomers!