



# the Desert Lifeline

July 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.  
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](http://www.coachellavalleyhandi.org)

## Mid-Southern California Area (MSCA)

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

## General Service Office New York

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

## DCYPAA

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

**General Service**, District 30  
3rd 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

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# Seven

## Concept Seven

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# Principle Seven

**Humility** - The quality or condition of being not  
proud or arrogant; modest opinion or estimate of one's  
own importance, rank, etc. .

### May Office Statistics

|                  |     |
|------------------|-----|
| Meeting Info     | 28  |
| 12 Step Calls    | 0   |
| Visitors         | 37  |
| Literature Sales | 185 |
| Al-Anon          | 0   |
| Other 12 Step    | 0   |
| Miscellaneous    | 36  |
| Business         | 8   |
| Zoom Attendance  | 52  |

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

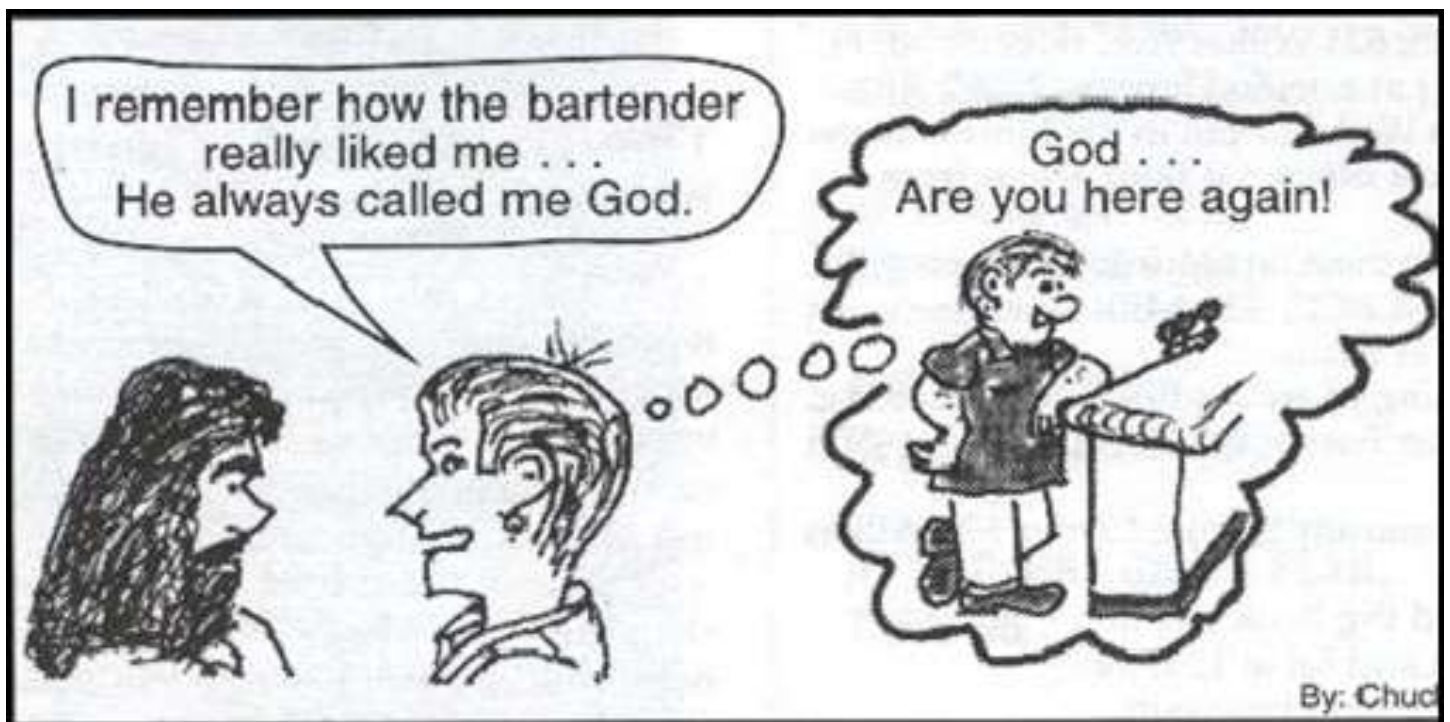
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**Vice Chairman: Amelia F.**  
**Treasurer: Kathy F.**  
**Secretary: Alan G.**

**Directors**  
**Alex K.**  
**Christa V.**  
**Meredith B.**

**Office Manager: David M.**  
**Newsletter Editor: Allan G.**

### 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.



## **Step Seven**

*Humbly asked Him to remove our shortcomings.*

After getting sober, going to meetings and working the steps, I learned that solely by my own intelligence and labor, I had shaped my own destructive, alcoholic destiny. It also started to become clear to me that I had been demanding more than my share of security and personal satisfactions. These words in our twelve and twelve rang true - Instead of regarding the satisfaction of our material desires as the means by which we could live and function as human beings, we had taken these satisfactions to be the final aim and end of life.

Humility had no function in my existence, it was not even in my vocabulary. I thought that just because I mouthed a few words in prayer I was relying on God. The program has taught me that even though I had religious beliefs, they remained barren because I was still playing God myself. My fear, which I didn't know I had, would not allow me to step aside.

Today I know that I as an alcoholic must continue the practice of step seven to develop greater humility in order to have a chance of becoming truly happy. I am learning (still) that humility must become a way of life, because it is a necessary aid to my survival.

Priscilla  
Women's Book Study, ABC Recovery, Indio

## **Tradition Seven**

*Every A.A. group ought to be fully self-supporting, declining outside contributions.*

It was one of the things that struck me when I first came to AA. I saw it as a boast. Worse yet, a pitch for me to fork over some money. I thought of church. Were the people who gave bigger bucks more likely to go to heaven? Was AA like a church? It seemed like a religion, soliciting money from me, who had little to spare (after legal expenses)?

Well, it's been a while since then and since I thought in such a self-centered manner. Here AA was, offering me the keys to the kingdom, a life free of the tyranny of alcohol and all I was worrying about was a buck or two. The fog cleared. AA didn't need me, I needed AA. In a life or death kind of way. The fog cleared more and attending step meetings where traditions were read and discussed helped. AA is not beholden to anyone. Not even God. Our group conscience, guides us. Every member votes. At every level up to and including World Services, AA does not play politics by getting entangled with financial favors from institutions. Supporting ourselves is a novel idea for us, because we have been such "users" in our former lives. It gives me a warm fuzzy feeling to carry the message of AA. I do it by being sober, putting my hand up to sponsor, staying after the meeting for group conscience votes, taking commitments and yes, forking over a dollar or two when the basket comes around. AA's seventh tradition is just one more way AA makes me free.

Rob L  
Serenity Group, Cinemas Palme D'Or, Palm Desert

### STEP SEVEN SET ME FREE

Step Seven begins: "My Creator, I am now willing that you should have all of me, good and bad." Why should I ask God to take over my good qualities in my Seventh Step Prayer? After all, I had been several months sober and there were many noble and honorable elements to my personality. WRONG! (A friend called this: alco-logical thinking.) I was still using "pool room" language, criticizing others; maintained "justified" resentments; smoking two packs of Lucky Strikes a day, etc. I guess I sort of skipped those defects/shortcomings in Steps Four and Five—I **did not really know Good from bad!** More was to be revealed the following months as I continued the maintenance steps—especially Step Ten.



As years passed, and I began living the true spirit of the maintenance steps, as they say: "More will be revealed" I was told to ask God to help me become aware these newly discovered personality defects and to use the *suggested* Step Ten directions to face and be rid of them. In time, my ego deflated to where I could see that my bad language was not normal, and it made me appear rather dull witted. My critical judgement of others began to diminish as I realized I was only seeing what was wrong with me! Also, those repeating thoughts of anger began to give way to joyous prayer. Seven months later my nicotine addiction went south and has never returned. Let us put it this way; the selfishness, dishonesty, resentment and fear I learned about myself in Step Four, began to diminish when I put Step Seven into action! The Seventh Step **prayer** was only a beginning.

What a relief! That promise of a new freedom and happiness began to appear, but most importantly, that dreadful mental obsession finally began to disappear. I now realize that I had been trapped in a bondage of self for many years but putting Step Seven into action has set me free! Step Seven is a powerful tool! Thank you, God!

Bob S

\$7.80



## Book of the month **Living Sober**

(Large Print)

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

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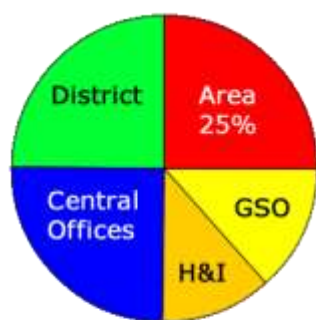
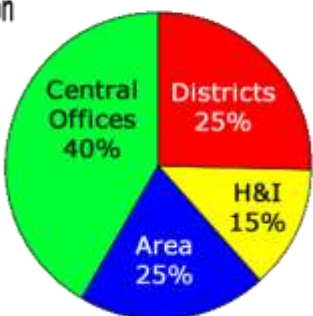
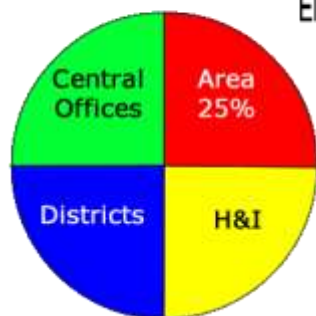
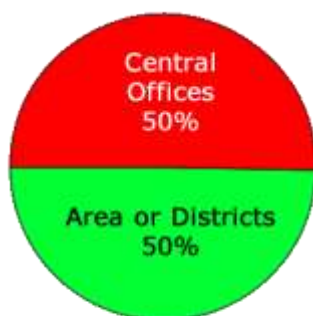
This practical booklet demonstrates through simple examples how A.A. members throughout the world live and stay away from that "first drink" one day at a time. Covers topics such as attending events where alcohol is served, relationships in sobriety and much more.

General Service Conference-approved. .

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Softcover 7" x 10.25 "104 pages

Large print

East County Intergroup  
El Cajon

"Step One...a pie chart is not a dessert."



## SELF-SUPPORT:

### Where Money & Spirituality Mix



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This is A.A. General Service Conference-approved literature.

A No. Contributions are strictly voluntary and some groups simply cannot afford additional contributions after covering their basic needs. Additionally, there are groups who, for whatever reasons, choose not to be a part of the self-support network. These groups, nevertheless, will receive basic services from the district, area and intergroup if they wish, and are welcome to list with G.S.O., where they will receive the same basic services as other groups. In 2017 the percentage of all listed groups who contributed to G.S.O. was 43.7%, in 2016 it was 41.5%.

#### Q What do contributions to G.S.O. cover?

A The 2017 service dollar was spent on the following activities: Group Services 35.6% (which includes various group contact-type costs in addition to Box 4-6-9; A.A. Directories; records and files; contributions processing; and French services); the General Service Conference, 12.1%; Letters, Internationalists, and Overseas Services, 8.8%; trustees' and directors' activities, 6.9%; Regional Forums, 7.3%; Archives, 12.2%; C.P.C., 4.1%; Public Information, 5.8%; Correctional Facilities, 4.7%; Treatment and Accessibilities, 2.2%.

#### Q How much does it cost, per group, for G.S.O. to supply basic services?

A At the end of 2017, the annual cost of services per group was \$153.00, while the average contribution per group was \$126.00. The shortfall between these two figures is made up from income from A.A. publications.

#### Q My group doesn't have a lot of money. Is it better not to send anything at all until we can afford to make a sizeable contribution?

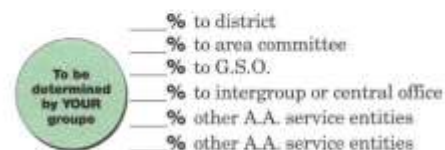
A In the spirit of participation, no contribution toward carrying the message can be too small. Bill W. spoke about our "collective obligation" to support A.A. services, and if everyone waited until they had a "sizeable" amount, it's more than likely that A.A.'s bills would go unpaid.

#### Distribution Plan of

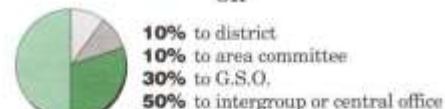
(YOUR GROUP NAME)

#### Your Group Service # \_\_\_\_\_

(Be sure to write group name and service # on all contributions.)



OR



OR

If you have no intergroup/central office:



#### Q Where should I send contributions?

A For contributions to G.S.O., make checks payable to "General Service Board" and send to:

General Service Office

P.O. Box 459

Grand Central Station

New York, NY 10163

or visit Contributions online at aa.org

For contributions to other A.A. service entities, contact your district committee, area committee, and local intergroup/central office for addresses. You can enter the addresses in the spaces provided on the next page to save for easy reference. And remember that these addresses may change when a treasurer rotates.

## My Relapse and What Prevention Means to Me

The consequences of drinking irresponsibly forced me to evaluate my behavior and self-character. With a great deal of humility, I do accept that I came to Alcoholics Anonymous for a reason; it was not a mistake. With complete honesty and thoroughness, I have completed the Twelve Steps and continue to do the work necessary to maintain the proper foundation to live life successfully with a strong spiritual program as the AA program has suggested. By daily asking God, "Thy will be done" and with that, as it states in the Big Book of AA in the chapter "Into Action" "there is action and more action" "Faith without works is dead."

If the compulsion to have an alcoholic beverage arises, I have the tools to defeat the treachery of a drink. The "acid test"; the philosophy of spiritual principals is the key to my success. In the crucial moments where I may be vulnerable, emotionally unstable, I pause. God is in the pause.

In order for me to eliminate negative emotions, negative thoughts and "*stinkin' thinkin'*", the healthy ways I use to cope with these negative feelings are to get into action; prayer, go to church, attend a meeting, talk to someone (sponsor, therapist, a friend or family member), physically to do something positive something productive (exercise, volunteer), & get out of "self" by practicing selflessness.

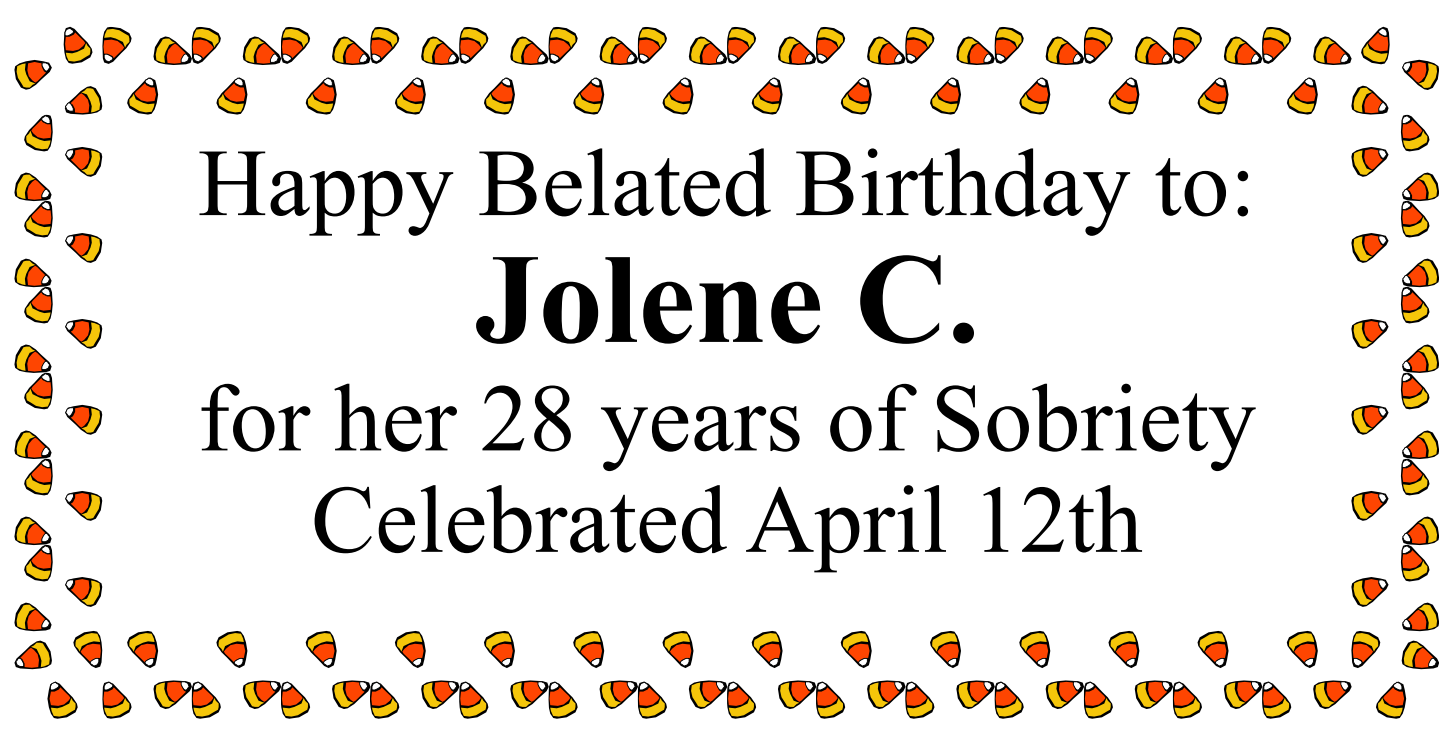
The benefit of maintaining an emotionally stable mind allows me deal with life issues that could otherwise cause me to fall short in character and in worst case scenario: terrible behavior, (e.g. getting in trouble with the law, loss of job, lose everything good).

I have a blessed purposeful life and the way I can keep it is by maintaining a strong spiritual life by actively participating in "cleaning house;" asking God to show me the way to be patient tolerant, kind and wanting the greater good for others. I must always conduct self-evaluation, admit when I'm wrong and take any corrective actions if needed.

I must never let down my guard, always remember the importance of ongoing self-reflection and never rest on my laurels. The consequences from my DUI have helped me to accept my errors, make corrections that align with living a spiritual life and be the faithful true servant.

By the grace of God, I'm at peace.

Anonymous 06/2026



Happy Belated Birthday to:  
**Jolene C.**  
for her 28 years of Sobriety  
Celebrated April 12th

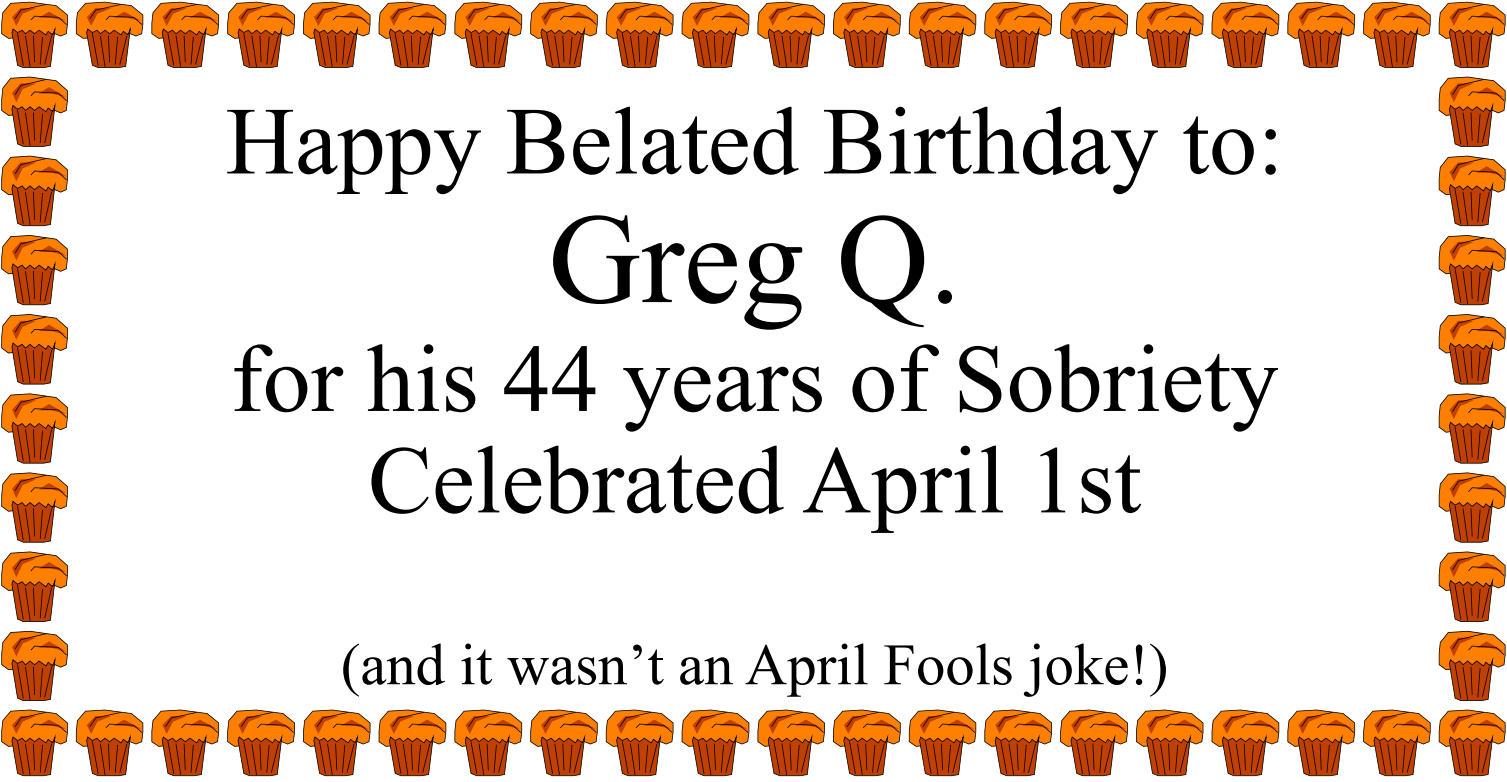
**It is not the problem that was the problem;  
it was my solution that was the problem.**

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I have to get into action. Sitting in an AA meeting doesn't make  
me sober any more than sitting in a garage makes me a car.  
**Sobriety is the best gift I ever got that I never wanted.**

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**Newcomer: How do I know how many meetings I should attend each week?  
Old-timer: Gradually cut back until you drink. Then you'll know.**



**Happy Belated Birthday to:  
Greg Q.  
for his 44 years of Sobriety  
Celebrated April 1st**

**(and it wasn't an April Fools joke!)**

One of the miracles of my sobriety is that today I am better at doing for others than  
I am at letting others do for me . . . that's not always been the case . . . I used to  
**EXPECT** others to do for me!

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What we have in common is NOT that we are all alcoholic. There are a whole lot of  
alcoholics out there. What we have in common is that we are all in the solution.



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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

NOTE:  
When using digital contribution methods, be sure to include your name, sobriety date, phone number and email address in the notes

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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**



**SATURDAY**  
7:00 PM – 8:00 PM



✓ IN-PERSON  
✓ SPEAKER



## **PALM SPRINGS COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

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Palm Springs, CA 92262  
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**FELLOWSHIP**



**UNITY**



**SERVICE**



**RECOVERY**

● NEW FROM GSO

## Our Primary Purpose Podcast

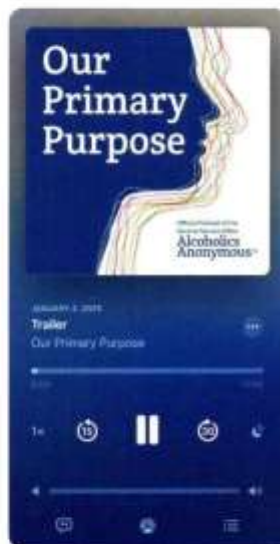
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### AA call to Service

#### Sign up as a Temporary Contact

Volunteer to be a temporary Contact and when a contact request is received, our committee will contact you if you meet the criterion for that specific request.

Bridges are matched by Age, sex and location.

if you are a match, we contact you and provide you with the information we have on file. i.e. phone # and Email and you (the AA member) will take it from there.

#### A Temporary contact is Committing to:

- Attend approx. 6 meetings of various types. introduce the newcomer to people and getting phone #s.
- you dont have to give them rides if you dont want to,
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- Do not provide any monetary assistance.
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- Do not tolerate any mistreatment. Remember Universal respect is the key to our usefulness.



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

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



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



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



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

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

For Zelle contribution use  
(442) 352-3913 from your  
bank app

**zelle**



**venmo**

Acknowledging these economic facts,  
why not responsibly compensate

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

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

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

Saturday Night, 8:00 p.m.

7/04 - Dallas A. E. - Palm Desert  
7/11 - Lexi - Victorville  
7/18 - Sean P. - La Quinta  
7/25 - James J. - Lake Elsinore

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

Friday Night, 8 p.m.

7/03 - Steve G. - El Centro  
7/10 - Tom S. - Orange County  
7/17 - Juan D. - Coachella Valley  
7/24 - Don B. - Hemet  
7/31 - Carol M. - Orange County



# Speaker Meetings

## JUNE PUZZLE SOLUTION

Solution:



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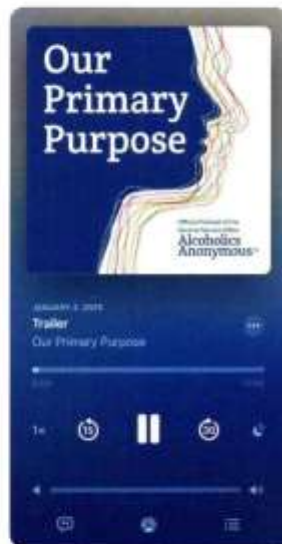
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The Conference recognizes that the Charter and the Bylaws of the General Service Board are legal instruments: that the Trustees are thereby fully empowered to manage and conduct all of the world service affairs of Alcoholics Anonymous. It is further understood that the Conference Charter itself is not a legal document: that it relies instead upon the force of tradition and the power of the A.A. purse for its final effectiveness.

At first glance, this concept may seem contradictory. In reality, it is further insurance that the Trustees and the Conference cooperate in the spirit of Service and Fellowship. Although the Conference has the “real” power of the traditions and the fellowship behind it, the trustees have the legal and financial power, bestowed by the conference.

The way I understand this Concept is simply this: Our founders had the foresight to protect the future of the fellowship by creating a Board of Trustees to handle financial and legal matters, similar to giving the purse strings and power of attorney to “Mom and Dad”. And there the power rests, unless revoked by the Conference, i.e. Delegates elected by the general fellowship.

Bills goal, in this and all of our concepts, was to keep AA safe from ANYONE who would try to “break it”. But we are always reminded that the ultimate responsibility and power lies with us, the members.

Brian C  
Sunny Dunes Fifth Tradition Group, Palm Springs

Sponsee: "God is working too slowly!"

Sponsor: "God is old. He's slow. Get used to it. If you were that old, you'd be slow, too."

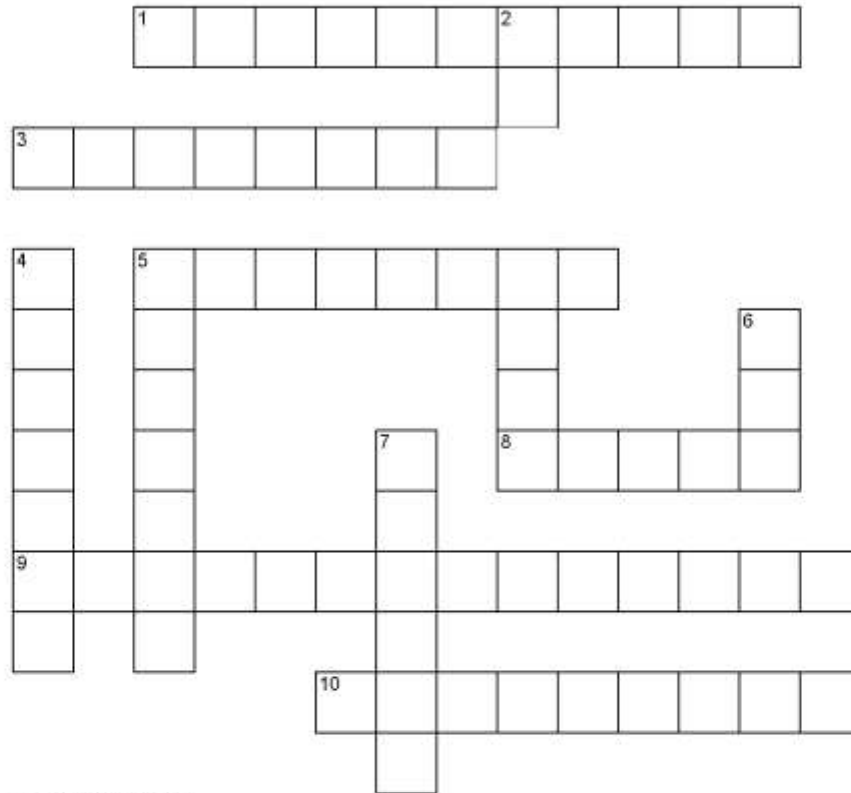
I've just realized that I'm bi-lingual. I've spoken English my whole life . . .  
but for the past 22 years, I've been learning the Language of the Heart. Still learning!

Sponsee: "She called me a smug sanctimonious bitch!"

Sponsor: "I don't think you're sanctimonious."

"...and to think that my very life today is because of the pay phone in the lobby of the Mayflower Hotel!"

# July 2026



www.CrosswordWheeler.com

## ACROSS

- 1 with hurt pride, \_\_\_\_\_, self pity
- 3 if he had these \_\_\_\_\_ and did not  
drink would he
- 5 would solve our \_\_\_\_\_
- 8 every denomination have  
\_\_\_\_\_ A.A. their blessing.
- 9 to a new sense of \_\_\_\_\_ of  
others
- 10 and through him with the  
\_\_\_\_\_ and majesty of a great

## DOWN

- 2 We are \_\_\_\_\_, of course, that  
the reader
- 4 co-founder of A.A. died \_\_\_\_\_  
24, 1971
- 5 to go through with the \_\_\_\_\_, I  
had the curious feeling
- 6 found me drinking both \_\_\_\_\_ and  
sedatives
- 7 I \_\_\_\_\_ the drink across the table

## 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.



**venmo**

For Zelle contribution use  
(442) 352-3913 from your  
bank app

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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 \_\_\_\_\_

### 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

## May 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 !!

Matt M.  
Pavithra S.  
Rob H.

Stephen St. L.  
Ted St. L.  
Teri P.  
Terry A.

## WHEN GIRLS DRINK TOO MUCH.....

1. We have absolutely no idea where our purse is.
2. We believe that dancing with our arms overhead and wiggling our butt while yelling "Woo-Hoo!" is truly the sexiest dance move around.
3. We suddenly decide that we want to kick someone's butt and honestly believe we can do it, too.
4. In our last trip to pee, we realize that we now look more like a homeless hooker than the goddess we were just four hours ago.
5. We start crying and telling everyone we see that we love them soooooo much.
6. We get extremely excited and jump up and down every time a new song plays because "Oh, my God! I love this song!"
7. We've found a deeper spiritual side to the geek sitting next to us.
8. So we go home with him.
9. We suddenly take up smoking and become really good at it.
10. We yell at the bartender, who we believe cheated us by giving us just lemonade, because we can no longer taste the vodka.
11. We think we are in bed, but our pillow feels strangely like the kitchen floor.
12. We fail to notice that the toilet lid is down when we sit on it.
13. We take our shoes off because we believe it's their fault that we're having problems walking straight.
14. We lose our shoes.
15. We wake up hung-over the next morning and say, "I'm never doing that again."
16. We remember that same night what a great time we had and go do it all over again.

# 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



scan or visit  
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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

Scan To  
Register On-line



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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         | _____        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> AA <input type="checkbox"/> Al-Anon <input type="checkbox"/> Guest                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | Newcomer Donation                                                                                                            | _____      | \$           | _____        |
| 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 WOMENS Size <input type="checkbox"/> S <input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> L <input type="checkbox"/> XL <input type="checkbox"/> XXL TOTAL \$ _____ |                                                                                                                              |            |              |              |
| <b>GUEST INFORMATION</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | <b>ITEM</b>                                                                                                                  | <b>QTY</b> | <b>PRICE</b> | <b>TOTAL</b> |
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## 2026

**52nd Annual  
Ninth District  
Convention**



**DoubleTree by Hilton, Palm Springs**



**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.



## Central Intergroup of the Desert

## Statement of Activity

May 2026

Net profit for May

-\$348

\$18,214

Income

\$18,562

Expenses

## TOTAL

MAY 2026

JUL 2025 - MAY 2026 (YTD)

## Revenue

Contributions

Birthday Club

Conventions

Faithful Fivers

Groups &amp; Individuals

Total Contributions

Gratitude Dinner

Interest Income

Sales

Total Revenue

Cost of Goods Sold

Cost of Goods Sold

POS Inventory Adjustment

Total Cost of Goods Sold

GROSS PROFIT

Expenditures

Accounting Services

Computer Expense

Credit Card Fees

Insurance - Health

Insurance - Liability

Insurance - Worker's Comp

Newsletter Expense

Office Expense

Outreach

Payroll Expenses

Plant Expenditures

Rent

State Filing Fees

Storage

Utilities

Total Expenditures

NET OPERATING REVENUE

NET REVENUE



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 www.centralintergroup.org

## Central Intergroup of the Desert

## Budget Report

July 2025 - May 2026

|                                 |                  | TOTAL            |                    |
|---------------------------------|------------------|------------------|--------------------|
|                                 | ACTUAL           | BUDGET           | OVER BUDGET        |
| Revenue                         |                  |                  |                    |
| Contributions                   | 103,077          | 95,600           | 7,477              |
| Gratitude Dinner                | 3,499            | 8,000            | (4,501)            |
| Interest Income                 | 237              | 900              | (663)              |
| Sales                           | 106,892          | 110,000          | (3,108)            |
| <b>Total Revenue</b>            | <b>\$213,706</b> | <b>\$214,500</b> | <b>\$ (794)</b>    |
| Cost of Goods Sold              |                  |                  |                    |
| Cost of Goods Sold              | 59,148           | 71,500           | (12,352)           |
| POS Inventory Adjustment        | 1,884            |                  | 1,884              |
| <b>Total Cost of Goods Sold</b> | <b>\$61,032</b>  | <b>\$71,500</b>  | <b>\$ (10,468)</b> |
| <b>GROSS PROFIT</b>             | <b>\$152,674</b> | <b>\$143,000</b> | <b>\$9,674</b>     |
| Expenditures                    |                  |                  |                    |
| Accounting Services             | 11,000           | 11,000           | 0                  |
| Computer Expense                | 7,346            | 6,490            | 856                |
| Credit Card Fees                | 4,186            | 4,447            | (261)              |
| Insurance - Health              | 7,903            | 6,895            | 1,008              |
| Insurance - Liability           | 3,537            | 2,676            | 861                |
| Insurance - Worker's Comp       | 1,897            | 1,079            | 818                |
| Newsletter Expense              | 2,335            | 2,475            | (140)              |
| Office Expense                  | 13,630           | 16,500           | (2,870)            |
| Outreach                        | 464              | 1,100            | (636)              |
| Payroll Expenses                | 59,684           | 59,684           | (0)                |
| Plant Expenditures              | 1,391            | 1,958            | (567)              |
| Rent                            | 19,007           | 19,008           | (1)                |
| State Filing Fees               | 75               | 75               | 0                  |
| Storage                         | 2,959            | 2,959            | 0                  |
| Utilities                       | 6,450            | 6,190            | 260                |
| <b>Total Expenditures</b>       | <b>\$141,864</b> | <b>\$142,536</b> | <b>\$ (672)</b>    |
| <b>NET OPERATING REVENUE</b>    | <b>\$10,810</b>  | <b>\$464</b>     | <b>\$10,346</b>    |
| <b>NET REVENUE</b>              | <b>\$10,810</b>  | <b>\$464</b>     | <b>\$10,346</b>    |

## Central Intergroup of the Desert

## Contributions Report

May 2026

|                                                 | TOTAL    |                           |
|-------------------------------------------------|----------|---------------------------|
|                                                 | MAY 2026 | JUL 2025 - MAY 2026 (YTD) |
| 1 Perez Doug Clark                              | 25.00    | 25.00                     |
| 12 and 12 Men's Stag Palm Desert                |          | 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    | 100.00   | 196.50                    |
| 6AM Daily Reprieve - K I S F Desert Hot Springs | 100.00   | 100.00                    |
| Aging Gracefully in Sobriety                    |          | 200.31                    |
| Alano Club Palm Springs                         | 400.00   | 1,600.00                  |
| Anonymous No Group Given                        | 567.31   | 22,854.82                 |
| As Bill Sees it Sunny Dunes 830AM               |          | 380.39                    |
| As She Sees It #000690557                       | 110.60   | 594.90                    |
| Big Book Study L Quinta Library                 |          | 372.92                    |
| Bill's Hour                                     |          | 307.00                    |
| Birthday Club Contributions                     | 461.00   | 2,692.00                  |
| Black Sheep Group                               |          | 250.00                    |
| Candle Light Meditation-F Palm Desert           |          | 350.00                    |
| CDM men's Stag Thurs.                           |          | 450.00                    |
| Central Intergroup Cathedral City               | 15.00    | 326.86                    |
| Covert Men's Stag                               | 200.00   | 200.00                    |
| Daily Reprieve (10086)                          | 162.00   | 2,323.73                  |
| Daily Reprieve Zoom (657814)                    | 136.66   | 833.98                    |
| Desert Cities AA Group                          |          | 4,662.00                  |
| Desert Women's Banquet                          |          | 1,166.68                  |
| Design for Living 101 Group                     |          | 1,070.20                  |
| DHS Noon Discussion - THU Desert Hot Springs    |          | 50.00                     |
| District 9 General Service                      |          | 1,200.00                  |
| Dolls of Valley Palm Desert                     |          | 281.81                    |
| Double Winners                                  | 54.00    | 698.95                    |
| Faithful Fivers                                 | 80.00    | 565.00                    |
| Female Friends 118265 Yucca Valley              |          | 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                   |          | 1,604.00                  |
| Good Morning to You Book Study                  |          | 100.00                    |
| Great Events Kent Stevenson 655942              |          | 100.00                    |
| Groovy Group                                    |          | 181.00                    |
| Gut Level Participation Yucca Valley            |          | 30.00                     |
| Happy Hour Book Study Palm Desert               |          | 292.00                    |
| Happy Hour Group Sunny Dunes                    |          | 3,060.00                  |
| Heritage Palms Wed Nite Women                   |          | 228.80                    |
| Hi Desert Speakers Group 100783 Kelly Ames      | 10.00    | 10.00                     |

## Central Intergroup of the Desert

## Contributions Report

May 2026

|                                              | TOTAL    |                           |
|----------------------------------------------|----------|---------------------------|
|                                              | MAY 2026 | JUL 2025 - MAY 2026 (YTD) |
| Hi-Desert RoundUp Yucca Valley               |          | 5,000.00                  |
| How Is Your Now La Quinta                    |          | 311.15                    |
| How It Works Palm Desert #1759302854         |          | 124.50                    |
| IHOP Overflow Wed. Men's Stag                | 120.00   | 270.00                    |
| It's A Better Deal Yucca Valley              |          | 100.00                    |
| Jaywalkers Monday Men's Stag 1000 Palms      |          | 248.71                    |
| Just the Black Print                         |          | 579.32                    |
| Keep It Simple Fellowship Desert Hot Springs |          | 200.00                    |
| Keep It Simple Group Speaker Meeting         | 597.00   | 940.81                    |
| La Quinta Library Mon. Big Book Study        | 291.00   | 1,052.00                  |
| La Quinta Library Wed 12 & 12                |          | 712.29                    |
| Last Call Group 104                          | 143.21   | 666.50                    |
| Living In The Solution Yucca Valley          | 70.00    | 70.00                     |
| Living Sober Group-Joshua Tree               | 10.00    | 40.00                     |
| Living Sober Palm Desert                     |          | 193.00                    |
| Living Sober Palm Springs 146975             |          | 253.60                    |
| Living Sober Women Sat. La Quinta            | 55.00    | 482.00                    |
| Loosey Goosey Tue Women                      | 190.00   | 190.00                    |
| Maad Dog Daze Rancho Mirage                  |          | 1,502.00                  |
| Many Paths Meditation                        |          | 59.30                     |
| Men's Marauders                              |          | 453.05                    |
| Men's Stag Book Study                        |          | 100.00                    |
| Mid Day Group 00419671                       | 818.45   | 3,185.66                  |
| Monday Daily Reflections 29 Palms            |          | 125.00                    |
| No Matter What Women's Group                 |          | 914.35                    |
| No Rules La Quinta                           | 496.00   | 2,535.00                  |
| Noontimers Yucca Valley                      |          | 30.00                     |
| Ojai Women's Meeting                         |          | 21.35                     |
| One Day At a Time Palm Desert 000509245      |          | 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.               | 86.00    | 2,724.00                  |
| Palm Desert Keys of the Kingdom              | 2.00     | 2.00                      |
| Palm Desert Saturday Speaker's               |          | 150.00                    |
| Palm Springs Attitude Adjustment Group Group | 25.00    | 250.00                    |
| PDCC 131457 Attitude Adjustment-M-S          | 855.09   | 855.09                    |
| PDCC 630 AM Zoom                             |          | 1,570.00                  |
| Playing With A Full Deck 49925               |          | 457.60                    |
| Promises                                     |          | 15.00                     |
| Ray's Wed. Nite Meeting Joshua Tree          |          | 183.26                    |
| Recovery after Relapse                       |          | 273.42                    |
| Road Runners                                 |          | 400.00                    |

## Central Intergroup of the Desert

### Contributions Report

May 2026

|                                                         | TOTAL              |                           |
|---------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------|
|                                                         | MAY 2026           | JUL 2025 - MAY 2026 (YTD) |
| Rock Bottom-THUR Twentynine Palms                       |                    | 150.00                    |
| Rock Bottom-TUE Twentynine Palms                        |                    | 55.00                     |
| Rush Hour Group                                         |                    | 310.00                    |
| Santa Rosa Messengers Coachella                         | 50.00              | 513.00                    |
| Saturday 29 Palms 12 & 12                               |                    | 286.00                    |
| Serenity Seekers Palm Desert                            |                    | 720.00                    |
| Serenity Sisters - Sunny Dunes                          | 177.45             | 277.45                    |
| Singleness of Purpose Men's Stag                        | 650.00             | 1,530.00                  |
| Smoking Jackelope Men Stag                              | 100.00             | 400.00                    |
| Sober Divas                                             |                    | 675.00                    |
| Sobriety Sisters Palm Desert                            |                    | 100.00                    |
| Solutions in Sobriety Palm Desert                       | 47.75              | 254.63                    |
| 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                     | 600.00             | 1,100.00                  |
| Stay Connected 9am (Zoom)                               |                    | 1,135.12                  |
| Step Sisters Palm Desert                                | 488.00             | 1,166.00                  |
| Stepping Stones                                         |                    | 513.25                    |
| Sun City Ole Time Big Book Study                        | 215.00             | 459.50                    |
| Sunday Serenity Group                                   | 70.00              | 1,419.00                  |
| Sunny Dunes 5th Tradition 7AM Att. Adj. Group #100      | 1,470.36           | 5,937.59                  |
| Sunny Dunes 7am 424824 Attitude Adjustment Online Group |                    | 1,798.25                  |
| Sunrise Celebrators Palm Desert                         | 141.30             | 1,109.92                  |
| Sunset Group La Quinta Park                             | 250.00             | 250.00                    |
| TGIF Group 611390 Yucca Valley                          |                    | 25.00                     |
| The First 164 Pages                                     |                    | 707.75                    |
| The Way Out                                             |                    | 149.00                    |
| There is a Solution                                     |                    | 500.00                    |
| Thursday Night Discussion 29 Palms                      |                    | 150.00                    |
| Tuesday Gut level                                       |                    | 60.00                     |
| Vets for Vets Palm Desert                               | 50.00              | 304.50                    |
| Wednesday Big Book Study of A.A.                        |                    | 288.00                    |
| Winners Meeting Yucca Valley                            |                    | 50.00                     |
| Women's Step Study Perez Plaza Cathedral Cit            | 100.00             | 100.00                    |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                                            | <b>\$10,590.18</b> | <b>\$103,077.49</b>       |

**It's not old behavior if you're still doing it.**

*Grateful in the Desert!*



# 42<sup>nd</sup> Annual Gratitude Dinner!

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