

# the Desert Lifeline

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of the Desert serving the Coachella Valley.

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### Intergroup Meeting

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

### Board of Directors Meeting

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

### General Service, District 9

3rd Sunday of the month, 4PM  
Fellowship Hall  
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# Twelve

## Step Twelve

Having had a spiritual awakening as the result of these Steps,  
we tried to carry this message to alcoholics, and to practice  
these principles in all our affairs.

## Tradition Twelve

Anonymity is the spiritual foundation of all our Traditions,  
ever reminding us to place principles before personalities.

## Concept Twelve

The Conference shall observe the spirit of A.A. tradition, taking care that it never becomes the seat of perilous wealth or power; that sufficient operating funds and reserve be its prudent financial principle; that it place none of its members in a position of unqualified authority over others; that it reach all important decisions by discussion, vote, and whenever possible, substantial unanimity; that its actions never be personally punitive nor an incitement to public controversy; that it never perform acts of government; that, like the Society it serves, it will always remain democratic in thought and action.

# Twelve

# Principle Twelve

**Service** - the performance of any duties or work for another; helpful or professional activity; an act of helpful activity; help; aid: *to do someone a service.*

**Central Office Activity  
for October**

Meeting Info	136
12 Step Calls	10
Visitors	89
Literature Sales	177
Al-Anon	2
Other 12 Step	8
Misc.	34
Business	42

**Answering  
Service**

12 Step	3
Meeting Info	19
Other	0
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>520</b>

***Thanks to all who are of service.  
It makes a difference!***

**Central Intergroup Office of the Desert  
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**October 2010**

Al W	1
Coleen	1
Jason A	1
Jonie	1
Kenny	1
Ally A	2
Guy G	2
Cherie	3
Chris	3
Patricia F	3
Jessica G	4
Omie	5
Rolondo N	7
Mario R	11
Elias	12
Tom	12



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

Johnny S	13	
Jeremy S	14	
Andrew S	15	
Carol C	15	
Dani M	15	
Pedro C	20	
Vicki L	24	
Don M	25	
Tommy D	28	
Irene M	30	
Yvonne F	32	
Bill	47	
<b>OOPS</b>	<b>June</b>	<b>2010</b>
David R		4
<b>OOPS</b>	<b>July</b>	<b>2010</b>
Pat W		36

**October Volunteers at Central Office**

Ann T  
Carole C  
Bob N  
Solt S  
Dallas Ann E  
Dave O  
David T  
Denice W  
Dennis H

Diane D  
Diane D  
Emil M  
Gene S  
Jerry G  
Jerry M  
Jill J

**Thank You !!**

Jimmy Who  
Jo Ann M  
Madeleine R  
Martin McC  
Pat W  
Patty H

Patrick L  
Paul A  
Peggy M  
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## November Puzzle

L Z L N G K N K C E N T R A L O F F I C E  
 L W Y M L D M G M P M H K P L P W Y L H X  
 T S T E W F K F L D M C R T P F H Q T N M  
 D E I C L X E M J M L I W Q W U G B N R R  
 Z N N B X B N A S D N E M A M D M I Z T H  
 Y O A L Z O A X R C G M M B T I T L C N T  
 P T S L R O J E I L C O L G N J R L N Z S  
 K S D K Z V I P G T E E D V N R Z W R P N  
 T G A R Z S L N J A C S E R N X K N E H D  
 M N L P N E P M O D N N S N L S H T N I K  
 C I N B S D R I R T T A O D U S S Y A G D  
 X P O T I L H B R O N I M O L S P X W H N  
 M P I X W G O R R I S A I N L E M J A E N  
 T E T L H B B Y E I T C N P U L R D K R D  
 W T A M F J V O C Y S U R A H R K K E P R  
 C S T O D F Y E O N A L A N S E R M N O B  
 F K I R T K D N O K H R N L R W R B I W Z  
 L T D A M V R C N B M M P Z K O M Z N E Y  
 M T E L M T R A D I T I O N S P L B G R B  
 N K M B L L M L W I L L S E A R C H I N G  
 L V Z S E S I M O R P L X M L O H O C L A

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|---------------|-------------|----------------|
| Akron         | fearless    | Promises       |
| alcohol       | God         | SanAntonio     |
| amends        | HigherPower | sanity         |
| awakening     | humble      | searching      |
| BigBook       | inventory   | spiritual      |
| BillW         | meditation  | SteppingStones |
| CentralOffice | moral       | steps          |
| conscious     | powerless   | traditions     |
| decision      | prayer      | unmanageable   |
| DrBob         | principles  | will           |

Puzzle answers will appear in next month's Desert Lifeline.  
 You can also find them on our web site — [www.aainthedesert.org](http://www.aainthedesert.org)

## Step Twelve

*Having had a spiritual awakening as the result of these Steps, we tried to carry this message to alcoholics, and to practice these principles in all our affairs.*

As I see it, the 12th step is broken down into three parts. The first part, "Having had a spiritual awakening as the result of these steps" promises me that if I've completed these steps to the best of my ability, I will have had a spiritual experience. It doesn't say I had to understand, believe in, or really want to work these steps. It just says I have to do them. And the result is a spiritual awakening. I can attest to this. When I was taken through the steps I really didn't want to do them, nor did I think they'd really work. In fact I worked these steps because my life had become such a morass of problems, I had run out of options. But the truth is by working these steps I had begun to change my behavior, and in changing my behavior I had unknowingly begun to have a spiritual experience.

The second part, that "we tried to carry this message to alcoholics," reminds me that nothing will so much insure immunity from drinking as intensive work with other alcoholics. It works when other measures fail. When we think about "carrying the message" most of us think of things like speaking at a meeting or sponsorship. While these are important (most notably sponsorship), there are so many other ways we can carry the message. There's getting the phone number of a newcomer and calling him or her rather than handing them our number and telling them to call us. It's not being a distraction during meetings by doing things like, texting, checking the scores on our PDA's, reading a newspaper, knitting, talking during the meeting, etc. It's being an active member of a home group, helping to make it a safe place for the new member. It's trying to be a positive example of the program.

And the 3rd part of this step, "practice these principles in all our affairs" is probably the most difficult. It's very easy for me to be spiritual in a meeting of alcoholics anonymous, but it's much tougher when I'm at work, driving on the freeway, or in my home. It's in my life outside the rooms of AA, where I get to put into practice, the spiritual principles that the 12 steps are based on. To be of love and service, to practice patience, tolerance and understanding in my interaction with others, that's where the true measure of my spiritual condition is defined.

Ben P

Just The Black Print Big Book Study, Rancho Mirage

## Commitment? What's that??

Webster's dictionary defines commitment as "an agreement or pledge to do something in the future". We often hear at meetings that they are looking for people to take various commitments at the meeting. But ..... often times they'll take the commitment and then either not show up or give it up after a couple of weeks. I wondered if this was unique to our area, but heard the same things shared at the recent Central Office/Intergroup meeting.

I decided to search my friend, the Web. Amazing – I got hundreds of hits when I searched for "commitment" and "lack". I instantly saw an article by someone titled "A Lack Of Commitment Is One Of The Major Causes Of Failure". The article is listed below. While it is not "conference approved", I feel it applies to us as well as the rest of the folks too.

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People by the millions are bailing out of jobs, careers, businesses, relationships and life in general. Many of these people lack commitment to a cause, lifestyle, purpose, or outcome. When it gets a little tough, uncomfortable, or they don't get the results they thought they would as quickly as they thought they should, their response is: "I'm outa here."

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**NEW MEETINGS & MEETING CHANGES**

**Cancelled Meetings**

**Cathedral City**, TGIF, Perez Plaza, 68845 Perez Rd. #25, Friday, 7PM

**Cathedral City**, Women's Big Book Study, Perez Plaza, 68845 Perez Rd. #25, Saturday 1:30 PM

**Twentynine Palms**, Participation, MVAGCC, Bldg 1551, Courage Room, Saturday 7PM

**Meeting Change**

**Palm Springs**, all Spanish speaking meetings are now held at 815 Williams Road at 7PM, Mon-Sun

**La Quinta**, How's Your Now, moved to Old Town Coffee Company, 78100 Main St, Thursday, Noon

**Joshua Tree**, Serenity Group meets at the Methodist Church, 6213 E Parkway, Wednesday, 7PM

**Twentynine Palms**, Desert Rats, MVAGCC, Bldg 1551, Courage Room, Wednesday, 6PM (address modification)

**New Meetings**

**Coachella**, Santa Rosa Messengers, CV Christian Church, 50100 Jackson St, Saturday 7PM, Speaker meeting

**Twentynine Palms**, Desert Rats, MCAGCC, Bldg 1551, Courage Room, Monday, 6PM, Discussion

**NOTE:** Effective 12/19, All meetings that were meeting at the Aqua Blanca Plaza buildings in Rancho Mirage will now held at 34250 Gateway Drive, Building F in Palm Desert.

**October Website Usage**

Unique visitors:	2,030
Avg. visits/day:	126.48
Avg. hits/day:	4,670.74
Highest # of visits in a day:	173
Highest # of hits in one day:	7,667
Total visits:	3,921
Visits per visitor	1.93
Total hits:	144,793

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**Speaker Q&A - Cathedral City**

Tuesday Night, 7 p.m.

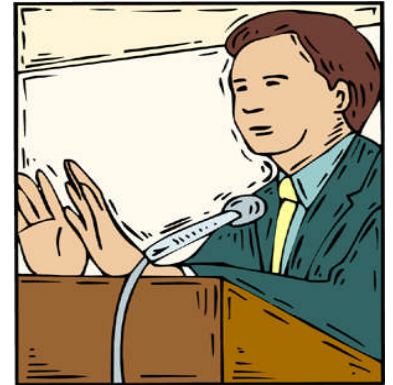
- 12/7 - Gwen B - Palm Springs
- 12/14 - Happy Howie - Sky Valley
- 12/21 - Terry W - Indio Hills
- 12/28 - Peggy M - "The Pride of Perez Plaza" - Cathedral City

**Saturday Tumbleweed Group - Desert Hot Springs**

Saturday Night, 7:30 p.m.

- 12/4 - Marcus - Hemet
- 12/10 - Dave M - Indio
- 12/18 - Marty - Hemet
- 12/25 - Art K - Desert Hot Springs

Speaker Meetings



**Sobriety Capital of the World - Indio**

Friday Night, 8 p.m.

- 12/3 - Greg A - La Quinta
- 12/10 - Michealine F. - Escondido
- 12/17 - Candice M - Los Angeles
- 12/24 - Margot A - Salton Sea
- 12/31 - Alan B - West Hollywood

Please check the web site ([www.AAintheDesert.org](http://www.AAintheDesert.org)) for any changes since the printing of the newsletter.

**The Ones We've Lost .....**

**Sara M - February 1984 - November 2010**



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

For the past 48 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 16 cents of the purchasing power of a 1960's dollar.



1960...\$1.00  
1970...\$1.00  
1980...\$1.00  
1990...\$1.00  
2000...\$1.00  
2008...\$2.00

Acknowledging these economic facts,  
why not responsibly compensate

**BY DROPPING IN**

# 2 BUCKS FOR 2010?

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

## Tradition Twelve

*Anonymity is the spiritual foundation of all our Traditions,  
ever reminding us to place principles before personalities.*

Anonymity = Humility = Blessings

So, you may wonder how I came up with that formula. I thought that tradition 12 was about protecting others identities and not giving preferential treatment to others, which I still believe.

After reading the long form of tradition 12, I saw that there was more to it. I realized that the personality that needs to come behind the principles is often our own -my own. How often do we think that we are or deserve to be the exception to the rule, maybe 'just this one time'.

We may also think that we can take advantage of our name, title, position, or finances to promote A.A. to a greater extent for the benefit of others.

At any given time: we are sure to see a well known celebrity fall from grace, a prominent politician involved in scandalous activities, a trusted religious or financial leader abuse their power, or a person rise to or fall from wealth and the morals they once had seem to have disappeared.

How quickly we have seen their blessings disappear also.

Tradition 12 (long form) - And finally, we of Alcoholics Anonymous believe that the principle of anonymity has an immense spiritual significance. It reminds us that we are to place principles before personalities; that we are actually to practice a genuine humility. This to the end that our great blessings may never spoil us; that we shall forever live in thankful contemplation of Him who presides over us all.

Toni T.  
10th Step Study, Fellowship Hall, Palm Desert

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By commitment I am not suggesting you should endure an abusive relationship, continue to work for an organization that treats you unprofessionally or hold on to a business that has been dead and buried. I am suggesting, however, that you consider your attitude about this concept. Is bailing out your knee jerk reaction to difficult times, a failure, a stressful period in a relationship, continuous problems or a bad year?

Many people today seem to lack any sense of real commitment and responsibility. Everyone wants to blame someone or something for their problems or adversity. Difficult times can build strength and character, and can give you a real "high" when you overcome them. You cheat yourself of this sense of accomplishment when things are easy.

Life is not meant to be easy, but living it is. The key to remember is what is happening isn't really that important. There will always be "negative stuff" in your business, career, relationships and life in general. The secret is to understand that it isn't what is happening 'out there' in the world, but what is happening 'inside' in your inner world of thought, feelings and consciousness.

There is a tremendous benefit to sticking it out when life throws you curves. These times can be the most creative and motivating, and provide you with a tremendous opportunity for growth. Change in status in any business, career or relationship brings both the need and benefit of new thinking and acting. Avoiding these times by quitting robs you of this joy of winning and learning.

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## **Do you want to be part of the problem or part of the solution?**

Watching Alcoholics coming and going wondering why they just don't get it. Hearing people that have been given the solution saying that "AA has just gotten too watered down" yet the first 164 pgs of the Big Book and the 12 Traditions haven't changed. So the AA program has not changed. What's changed are many of the meetings of AA. We've gone from people who have worked the program sharing their experience, strength and hope, to anyone sharing about whatever they want with little or no regard to the Traditions. We have Secretaries that have little or no knowledge of the Traditions or the importance that they be honored by the group. We have sponsors who are sponsoring yet haven't worked the steps and no real knowledge about the Traditions. On page 164 it states "you cannot transmit something you haven't got". Then there are all those newcomers coming from treatment facilities with no one welcoming them to AA and explaining to them we are not an extension of that facility that they need to start fresh in our program and it's against our Traditions to discuss that facility in our meetings. So some meetings have gone from sharing on the solution to our Alcoholism which is doing the 12 steps as outlined in our Big Book and honoring our Traditions, to group therapy, drunkalogs or worse yet drugalogs. So if you haven't worked the Steps of AA and you are sharing what you've learned in treatment or somewhere else you are not sharing the solution of AA. Why is this happening? How can we be upset if no one is teaching them what they need to know?

There are those of us who were given the Solution to recover by those Old-timers who stressed you have to pass it on to keep it. They didn't sit back in meetings letting newcomers run the show. They believed they were responsible that any where any time someone was reaching out for the hand of AA that AA would be there. They believed that if the Traditions were not honored Alcoholics Anonymous would not survive. They were clear that they had a singleness of purpose and that if you had a problem with Alcohol they had a solution. You were told that only you could decide whether or not you were alcoholic and that you should listen to other alcoholics to see if you could identify. You were told you didn't need to share because you didn't know how to stay sober but they did. You were also told if you wanted help to please talk to someone at the break or after the meeting. Meeting time was to share how they've stayed sober. They were not trying to fit you into AA they let you decide if you fit in AA. Their primary purpose was to help the Alcoholic that still suffers. They cared about that newcomer who came into the room; they wanted them to hear how they could also recover. The Alcoholics who had recovered were not there to see what they could get out of the meeting; they were there to give back.

Rarely have we seen a person fail who has thoroughly followed our path. How are they supposed to follow the path if no one is showing them our path? We can't blame anyone for what is happening to our AA meetings when we are unwilling to stand up for our Traditions. So the next time you are sitting in an AA meeting ask yourself if you are being Responsible for making sure there is a hand of AA reaching out. Remember you can't transmit something you haven't got so if you haven't gotten it you need to get it. Our Twelve Steps promises recovery for those who are willing to follow the clear-cut directions in the Big Book. It's a real shame the newcomer isn't hearing that. The Traditions aren't about protecting the individual they are there to protect AA. So the next time the Traditions are being violated or you are not hearing the AA message what are you going to do for that suffering Alcoholic. Keep in mind the Newcomer that is there looking for the answer is probably sitting quietly in the back of the room listening needing to find hope. Remember you might be their only chance of hearing about that solution found in the Big Book! So when you are sitting there not wanting to say anything to the individual that is breaking the Tradition because you might offend them or when you want to discount the person that is standing up for the Traditions you are offending AA. The Traditions are there to preserve our Unity of singleness of purpose. United we Stand Divided we fall.

Simple ,not easy, a price had to be paid.

Vicki L  
10th Step Study, Fellowship Hall, Palm Desert

# CENTRAL INTERGROUP OF THE DESERT

September 2, 2010  
General Monthly Meeting

## **DIRECTORS:**

Chairperson John E

Vice-Chair Mike B

Secretary Paul R

Treasurer Cate M

Board members- Brian C (absent), Toni T, Ben P, Kathy R, Darryl P

Also Present

Jim K, Office Manager

**STATEMENT OF PURPOSE** –The Reason for Central Office was read. The long form of the Twelve Traditions was passed around the room and read.

## **INTRODUCTION OF ATTENDEES**

35 people were in attendance.

- New representatives: Joyce- Alkies Only, Wed in B.D.; David R.-Primary Purpose, Tues 7pm P.D.; Dusty- Just the Black Print, Wed. 6:30pm in R.M.; Barney- Speakeasy Big Book, Fri. 7pm P.D.

**MINUTES** – Paul R read the minutes of the July 8, 2010 meeting. Upon motion duly made and seconded the minutes were approved as amended.

**TREASURER'S REPORT** – Cate M presented the Monthly Financial Report for the months ending 6/30/2010 and 7/31/10. Also presented was the fiscal year report ending 6/30/10. Upon motion duly made and seconded the Financial Report was approved as amended.

**MANAGER'S REPORT** – Reported on the following:

- Please sign in at the door. This is used for calling with the meeting reminder and also for election eligibility determination. Make certain the information is correct.
- Please take Desert Lifelines to your meeting location if the rep isn't here tonight.
- Thanks to Toni T for Steps 8&9, Paul R for Tradition 8, Oscar E for Tradition 9, Peggy M for Concept 8 and Brian C for Concept 9.
- Volunteers for Step 10 David R, Tradition 10 Connie and Concept 10 Gay. These need to be submitted to Central Office (preferably via e-mail) by 9-10-10.
- Book of the Month is Living Sober normally \$4.25 now \$3.50 available at Central Office.
- We could use a few more volunteers for Central Office especially every other Tuesday morning 9am to 1pm.
- We have started emailing the Desert Lifeline. So far 116 people have signed up. This is all without a lot of publicity. You can go to our web site, [www.aainthedesert.org](http://www.aainthedesert.org) and follow the signup link. After you enter your name and email address it is saved in a database and the current copy of the Lifeline is emailed to you. Each month I will call up a special web page to send the Lifelines. Wednesday was the first real run and it worked great. Two people even emailed back saying thanks. Spread the word. We need to watch how many printed copies remain unclaimed each month so we can cut back on printing if needed, saving money and a few trees.

- Our new display case provide by General Service is in and set up. We are looking for local AA items of interest, such as conference programs & flyers as well as older items. Does anyone out there want to loan us a first edition Big Book?
- The sales tax rate in Cathedral City goes up 1% to 9.75% on October 1st.
- Our copier seems to be on its last legs. We've had it 5 years and it was 5 years old when we purchased it. I had to have the service man out 5 times to get 550 copies of the Lifeline printed.
- We still need volunteers for our 12 step lists. Sign up sheets are available at Central Office or you can sign up on line at [aainthedesert.org](http://aainthedesert.org), follow the link on the home page under Central Office Commitment. We have a good turnout for most areas, but need volunteers for Idyllwild, Pinion Pines, Joshua Tree and Landers

**SPECIAL EVENTS** – Mike B announced there will be another planning meeting for the Gratitude Dinner on Thursday September 16 at 7:30pm after the board meeting. The dinner is Saturday November 13, 2010 at 5pm. Tickets are now available, there will be 300 tickets and are \$20.00. This is Central Office's yearly fundraiser and is always a fun event.

**OUTREACH COMMITTEE** – The new flyer will be out next month.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

- The Board was attempting to set an Intergroup meeting at KIS hall in DHS but the room isn't available on Thursdays so we won't be setting up a remote meeting as part of our outreach program.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

- We will have another pizza party 12/2/10 at 6pm prior to the Intergroup meeting. This will be paid for by the Board and doesn't involve the use of Central Office funds.
- We want to set up an open house for Central Office. Tentatively we would like to do this on a Sunday afternoon and will discuss it further at the next Intergroup meeting.
- GSR Representative Gay H advised us there is a GSR meeting on Sunday 4pm at Fellowship Hall. There is also a workshop on Saturday September 25, 2010 at the Mid-Southern California Area Archives. Location information and time are in the Lifeline
- DCYPAA representative absent.
- Elections for Central Office Board of Directors will be held at the December Intergroup meeting.

### **GROUP REPRESENTATIVES – COMMENTS AND/OR CONCERNS:**

- The question of whether one person can represent more than one meeting at Intergroup was asked. There is no reason this can't be done however this representative can only cast one ballot in any voting that is done so it does limit representation for the groups that do this.
- **SEVENTH TRADITION WAS PASSED**

Upon motion duly made and seconded the meeting was adjourned followed by the Lord's Prayer led by John.

Next Intergroup Meeting: October 7, 2010 @ 7:00 pm  
pm

Next Board Meeting: September 16, 2010 @ 6:30

Respectfully Submitted,  
Paul R-  
Secretary

Central Office of the Desert  
Profit & Loss YTD Comparison  
October 2010

	Oct 10	Jul - Oct 10
Ordinary Income/Expense		
Income		
Anonymous Donations	40.74	312.64
Birthday Contributions	59.00	329.00
Convention Contributions		
Desert Pow Wow	0.00	4,000.00
Gratitude Dinner		
Gratitude Dinner Income	2,040.00	4,960.00
Gratitude Dinner Expenses	0.00	-26.50
Total Gratitude Dinner	2,040.00	4,933.50
Unity Day Picnic		
Unity Day Picnic Income	0.00	616.00
Unity Day Picnic Expenses	0.00	-57.60
Total Unity Day Picnic	0.00	558.40
Total Convention Contributions	2,040.00	9,491.90
Discrepancies		
Shortages	-52.80	-52.80
Total Discrepancies	-52.80	-52.80
Group Contributions	3,341.03	12,704.19
Interest	1.50	166.44
Intergroup & Service Contrib.	35.35	119.35
Net Sales Income		
Literature Net Sales		
Book Net Sales	644.94	1,960.13
Misc Net Sales	3.71	46.23
Pamphlets Net Sales	48.61	252.20
Schedules Net Sales	82.04	328.45
Total Literature Net Sales	779.30	2,587.01
Total Medallion Net Sales	1,119.53	4,328.64
Total Sobriety Card Net Sales	82.88	311.51
Total Net Sales Income	1,981.71	7,227.16
Printing Income	3.50	10.50
Total Income	7,450.03	30,308.38
Gross Profit	7,450.03	30,308.38

Central Office of the Desert  
Profit & Loss YTD Comparison  
October 2010

	Oct 10	Jul - Oct 10
Expense		
Answering Service	0.00	341.93
Computer		
Dial up/DSL	31.99	127.96
Parts and supplies	0.00	99.95
Total Computer	31.99	227.91
Depreciation		
Depreciation - Copier	295.53	512.34
Depreciation - Leasehold Improv	91.42	365.68
Depreciation - PA system	25.76	103.04
Total Depreciation	412.71	981.06
Manager Education	832.78	832.78
Newsletter Expense	180.13	672.41
Office Expense	488.95	1,345.47
Payroll Expenses		
Insurance - Health Insurance	733.00	2,932.00
Insurance - Worker's Comp	523.00	523.00
Salaries	2,057.00	11,275.00
Taxes & Payroll Accounting	247.28	1,247.26
Payroll Expenses - Other	-0.01	0.00
Total Payroll Expenses	3,560.27	15,977.26
Postage	0.00	102.79
Rent	1,242.00	4,968.00
Shipping, Transport, Storage	98.00	359.12
State Filing Fee	0.00	25.00
Tax Preparation	0.00	600.00
Utilities	497.14	2,123.92
Total Expense	7,343.97	28,557.65
Net Ordinary Income	106.06	1,750.73
Net Income	106.06	1,750.73



**SOCALYPAA<sup>3</sup>**  
PALM SPRINGS, CA  
NOVEMBER 24-27, 2011

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MENTION GROUP CODE: SCYSCYA

**\$15** Cost to pre-register **\$99** Rooms per night

For more info or to register online, please visit  
**WWW.SOCALYPAA3.ORG**

Congratulations to DCYPAA, the Desert Cities Young People in A.A., on being awarded the SOCALYPAA3 Conference!

JOIN US AS WE PLAN THE NEXT YEAR'S WORTH OF EVENTS AND THE BIG CONFERENCE

We meet every Thursday @ 6:30pm

FOR MEETING LOCATION OR TO PRE-REGISTER:

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What is SOCALYPAA?

SOCALYPAA is the Southern California Young People in Alcoholics Anonymous Conference. Its goal is to carry the message to the alcoholic who still suffers by hosting an annual and large scale Young People's Conference. In doing this, SOCALYPAA hopes to foster a consistent fellowship that continues to thrive.

**Desert Lifeline, December 2010**

**Central Office of the Desert  
Group Contributions  
October 2010**

	<u>Oct 10</u>	<u>Jul - Oct 10</u>
10th Step Study-THU Palm Desert	83.50	168.08
12 X 12 Step Study - THU - Cathedral City	6.30	16.08
12X12 - La Quinta	0.00	103.00
3rd & 11th Step - SUN - Rancho Mirage	0.00	66.57
As Bill Sees It - SUN - Cathedral City	7.80	32.44
Attitude Adj-ALL Meetings Palm Springs	90.00	360.00
Attitude Adjustment-M-S Palm Desert	123.00	470.90
Attitude Adjustment-M-S PDCC, Palm Desert	0.00	600.00
Attitude Adjustment-MON Cathedral City	8.00	29.55
Attitude Adjustment - MON Rancho Mirage	104.50	104.50
Back to Basics-FRI Rancho Mirage	0.00	160.64
Big Book Study - Wed - Palm Springs	60.00	229.00
Book Study-FRI Cathedral City	11.02	44.09
Came to Believe-WED Cathedral City	17.42	62.65
Came to Believe Gp-All Palm Springs	0.00	400.00
Candle Light Meditation Group - TUE - PD	0.00	138.05
Daily Reprieve-Daily Palm Desert	52.00	264.62
Dolls of Valley -WED Palm Desert	86.98	86.98
Feelings & Solutions-WED Palm Desert	32.71	32.71
Free Spirit-THU Cathedral City	11.05	35.89
Groovy Group-TUE Palm Desert	0.00	229.45
Group '48-MON Palm Springs	161.58	277.34
Half Measures-TUE Cathedral City	13.46	56.50
Hi-Desert Sat. Speaker -SAT Yucca Valley	10.00	10.00
How It Works-ALL Meetings Palm Springs	200.00	400.00
How It Works-WED Palm Desert	0.00	137.02
Into Action-TUE Cathedral City	9.09	36.01
It's A Better Deal-MON Yucca Valley	0.00	40.00
Jaywalkers Men's Stag - PD	0.00	20.00
Just the Black Print Book Study-WED - RM	55.00	208.00
Keep It Simple-Many DHS	70.97	70.97
Kisses-THU Indio	51.00	106.00
Ladies Nite Out-WED Palm Desert	0.00	147.90
Living Sober-MON Cathedral City	5.56	27.36
Living Sober-MON Palm Springs	85.00	202.00
Living Sober Group-ALL Joshua Tree	0.00	30.00
Meditation Meeting-THU Cathedral City	4.40	17.99
Men's Mauraders-MON Palm Desert	100.00	400.00
Men's Stag-TUE Palm Desert	100.00	100.00
Mixed Nuts - THU - Palm Springs	0.00	50.00
Morning Step Study - SAT - DHS	25.00	25.00

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	<u>Oct 10</u>	<u>Jul - Oct 10</u>
New Beginnings -MON Palm Desert	0.00	109.85
New Freedom - TUE - Palm Desert	0.00	100.00
No Rules - La Quinta	0.00	712.00
Oxy-Moron Group-THU Palm Springs	0.00	160.00
Palm Desert Group -SAT - Palm Desert	83.20	83.20
Primary Purpose -TUE Palm Desert	175.00	175.00
Q & A - FRI - Palm Desert	0.00	44.41
Q & A-SUN Cathedral City	7.40	21.26
Rebel Group - SUN - Palm Desert	24.00	24.00
Sane Saturday-SAT Cathedral City	11.75	45.49
Santa Rosa Big Book Thumpers-WED-Coachell	100.00	239.00
Saturday's Survivors-SAT Cathedral City	15.16	66.89
Saturday Disc. -SAT Palm Desert	0.00	48.00
Serenity Group -SUN Palm Desert	119.54	307.09
Serenity Seekers-FRI - Rancho Mirage	180.00	180.00
Serenity Sunday-SUN Cathedral City	3.70	22.32
Sober Out'a The Book-FRI Cathedral City	9.00	23.59
Sober Sisters-THU Indian Wells	0.00	6.78
Sobriety Capitol of World-ALL Indio	90.17	399.37
Sobriety Sisters-THU Palm Desert	0.00	60.00
Solutions in Sobriety-SAT Palm Desert	14.44	49.67
Speaker Q&A - Cathedral City	10.81	49.40
Spiritual Awakening-SAT Cathedral City	7.10	37.24
Step Sisters-MON Palm Desert	0.00	305.00
Step Study-WED Cathedral City	8.16	35.78
Sunday Morning-SUN Cathedral City	13.77	58.65
Sunny Dunes 5th Tradition Group - ALL- PS	561.39	1,952.83
Sunrise Celebrators-M-S Palm Desert	121.48	498.77
TGIF - FRI - Cathedral City	1.30	6.84
There Is Hope-FRI DHS	0.00	50.00
ThirdTradition-THU-Landers	100.00	100.00
Vets for Vets - TUE - Palm Desert	50.00	250.00
We Are Not Saints - M-F - PD	0.00	187.45
Wed NiteWomen's Discussion-WED PalmDesert	0.00	100.00
Wednesday Night Meeting-WED Yucca Valley	0.00	22.90
What's Good About Today? Wed-Cat City	11.50	30.22
Winners Meeting-WED Palm Springs	0.00	50.00
Women's Book Study-MON Indio	36.00	36.00
Women's Step Study - Cat City	0.82	7.90
Working With Others - DHS - THU	0.00	50.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3,341.03</b>	<b>12,704.19</b>

**81 out of approximately 285 groups have contributed to Central Office so far this fiscal year. That represents roughly 28.5% of the meetings**

*Continued from page 9 (Commitments)*


How committed are you in all areas of your life? Are you considering throwing in the towel? Have you experienced 'more than you can handle' issues? Does it seem as if life is picking on you? Join the club, my friend. Everyone has issues, problems, or stuff in their life. It comes with the territory.

But you have a choice. You can look down and see the mud or look up and see the sun. You can give up, quit and move on, or you can draw a line in the sand saying: "this is where I make my stand." Just think of how many opportunities are missed because people quit one day, week or month too soon.

Don't let it happen to you. Commit, go for it, never give up, believe in your dreams, future and life.

Jim K, Office Manager

This is a Round Tuit - for those of you that are going to volunteer your services when you get around to it.



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