



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

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Step

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over alcohol - that our lives had
become unmanageable.

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Tradition

Our common welfare should
come first; personal recovery
depends upon A.A. unity.

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Concept

Final responsibility and ultimate
authority for A.A. world services
should always reside in the
collective conscience of our
whole Fellowship.

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Principle One

Surrender - to give up, abandon, or
relinquish

**Central Office Activity
for November**

Meeting Info	228
12 Step Calls	1
Visitors	150
Literature Sales	177
Al-Anon	1
Other 12 Step	19
Misc.	44
Business	37

**Answering
Service**

12 Step	2
Meeting Info	15
Other	0
TOTAL:	674

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

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

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November 2010

Evalina R	1
Lance	1
Nicole	2
Kelly	3
Amanda	4
Dave H	5
Doug	7
Ann T	10
Roberta	24
Paulette Q	33
Connie L	47



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

December 2010

Tom F 40

OOPS

October 2010

Irene M 30

November Volunteers at Central Office

Ann T
Carole C
Bob N
Colt S
Dallas Ann E
Dave O
David T
Diane D

Diane D
Jerry G
Jerry M
Jill J
Jimmy Who
Jo Ann M

Thank You !!

Madeleine R
Martin McC
Pat W
Patty H
Patrick L
Paul A

Peggy M
Phillip F
Shay L
Sherri E
Steve P
Susan B
Tim S
Tracy M

Thank You !!

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Book of the month

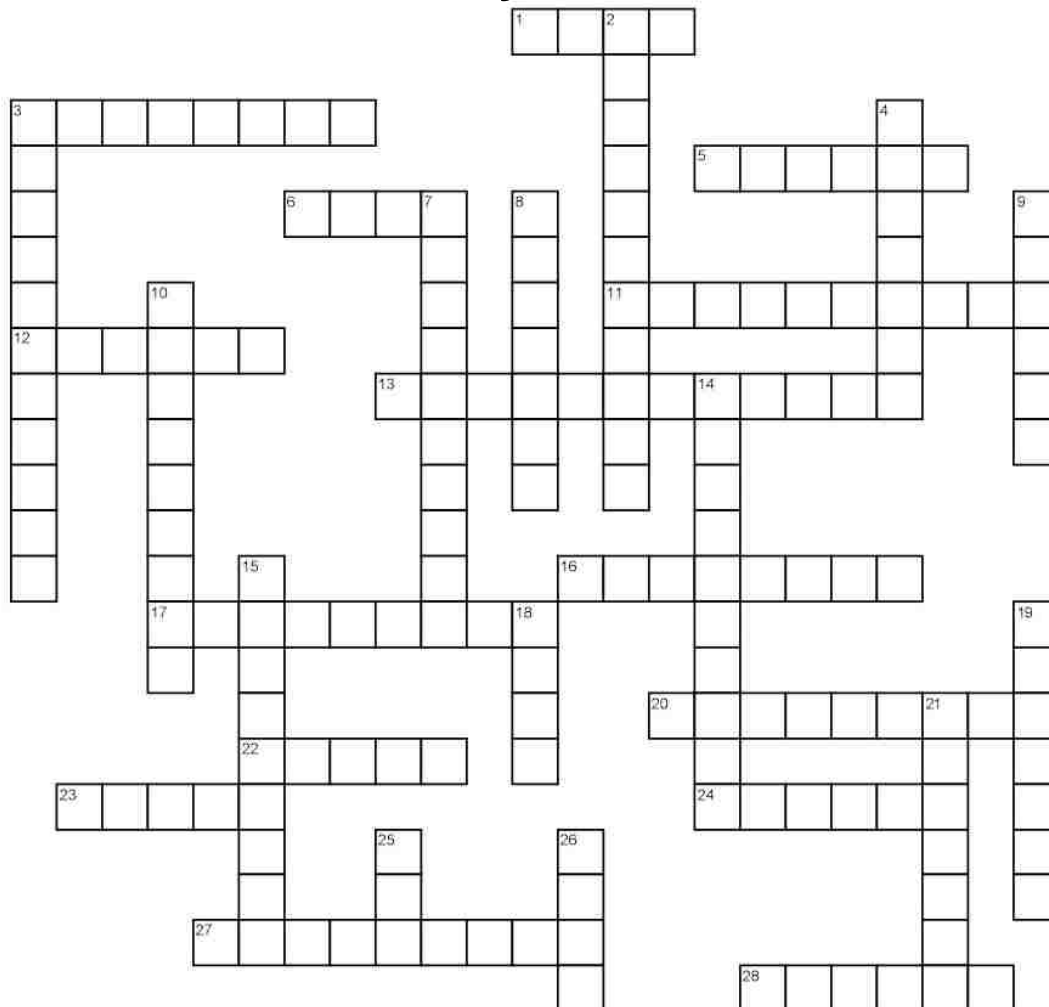
**Alcoholics Anonymous
Large Print Edition**

Normally \$8.00

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January Puzzle



ACROSS

- 1 As _____ Sees It
- 3 A _____ View of Alcoholics Anonymous
- 5 June conference (2 words)
- 6 One of the co-founders of AA in Canada in 1944
- 11 _____ Was the Answer
- 12 AA predecessor
- 13 our life when we got to AA
- 16 Started AA in Cleveland
- 17 Dr. William D.
- 20 press, radio and films
- 22 It Happened to _____
- 23 appendices
- 24 Bill was offered a job at his lab
- 27 Our magazine
- 28 Crossing the River of _____

DOWN

- 2 AA received this in 1951 from the American Public Health Association (2 words)
- 3 August conference (3 words)
- 4 Freedom From
- 7 He sent a telegram of good wishes A.A.'s 2nd International Convention
- 8 Freedom From
- 9 chapters in the Big Book
- 10 Step one
- 14 spiritual
- 15 Saturday Evening Post
- 18 The Housewife Who Drank At
- 19 Physician, Heal _____
- 21 Little Angel of A.A.
- 25 What Happened to _____
- 26 happy, joyous and _____

Puzzle answers will appear in next month's Desert Lifeline.
You can also find them on our web site — www.aainthedesert.org

Tradition One

*Our common welfare should come first;
personal recovery depends upon A.A. unity.*

I have a close group of friends within the program of Alcoholics Anonymous of which I have been studying The 12 Traditions and The 12 Steps on a weekly basis for quite some time now. For the past 9 or 10 weeks we have been on The 12 Traditions, thoroughly reading and studying one Tradition at a time. I have found that our studies are extremely rewarding and effective due to the fact that we do this as a unit, a group, meaning all as one. My opinions and the opinions of the group are listened to and discussed after each reading. Now that we have been doing this for quite some time I have learned that my opinion isn't fact nor is the groups opinion fact and that it actually can be persuaded by mind set, or by my emotional state of being and I have to often ask myself, "what are my motives of which my opinions are derived"? "How will they affect the group as a whole if I push to hard"? Why must I stray from the written manuals of Alcoholics Anonymous to form my very own opinion? How far outside the group am I willing to go to let my personal opinion be heard? It's not uncommon for alcoholics to want to "reinvent the wheel", but isn't that just one of the many desires that got us here in the first place? Self centeredness, selfishness, and egocentric..... sounds familiar to me! I need to keep my motives in check at all times. It's not all about me, it's not all about you, but it is all about us.

Alcoholics Anonymous is a We, Our, Us, program and the only time I can think of that it would be an "I" or a "Me" program is that if "Your" going to drink "I'm" not! Otherwise we do this miracle program together, as a unit, as a whole, as our manuals are written. That's what I was attracted to when I first came to Alcoholics Anonymous. The fact that I didn't have to do this alone, by myself, left to the same devices of my mind that got me so sick to begin with. In the beginning unity was the only quality that brought me back to the second meeting, then third, etc, etc. After all, I had been alone, lost, broken, hopeless, and Godless for so very long and I didn't know how to be a part of anything, including a Society as graceful, compassionate and attractive as A.A., but you all took me in, taught me how to live, love and embrace God. I had lost track of all of that by the time I came into A.A. You did this as a unit, that's what made it so desirable, the fact that Alcoholics Anonymous was working in numbers for one another and not just for one or two individuals. When I was a drunk I was often the guy standing on the sidelines wondering why I couldn't have what everybody else had. Why did I feel so alone even though people were all around me? I'm not that man today, all of you have changed that for me. Thank you all for restoring my sanity. I couldn't or wouldn't have done it alone or even with just one of you, it took all of you. I was incapable of doing anything alone except drink and roar through people's lives. It was all about me! The only unity I knew of was my bottle and I and the only common welfare we discussed was who was God, the bottle or I. All of you as a whole guaranteed me that I never had to be there again. I wouldn't have believed or trusted just one of you, it took all of you.

"Tradition One", clearly states in black ink, "*The unity of Alcoholics Anonymous is the most cherished quality our society has*". Every member is equal, every single member. Not one person is above the other. Of course opinions will often segregate and taint an individual group, which is unfortunate, but A.A. as whole cannot be tainted by one man or woman's opinion. One man or woman is not even capable of destroying or changing A.A. as a whole, it would have been done by now if it were remotely possible. So we can all put our guard down, as long as we stick to the black and white of the books, which in my opinion is not open for interpretation. As a unit, we must always look out for the newcomer and be willing to put our opinions and controversy aside when necessary. "What would our Creator do"? How can a newcomer be attracted to this program if it is divided and diluted by exaggerated controversy and misunderstandings? We need not forget the common bond that all of us share together in the program of Alcoholics Anonymous that unites people like us. It is important that we keep it simple, exercise love and tolerance and practice

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NEW MEETINGS & MEETING CHANGES

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.

I am learning to distinguish the difference between my will and God's will: God's will produces results; where my will produces consequences.

If the first three Steps were enough to keep me sober, the Big Book would only have 64 pages.

Don't let the life that AA has given you, take you away from your AA life.

My sponsor suggested that I never miss an opportunity to shut up. As a result of listening to her "suggestion", my experience has been that well timed silence is often preferable to anything I was going to say!

November 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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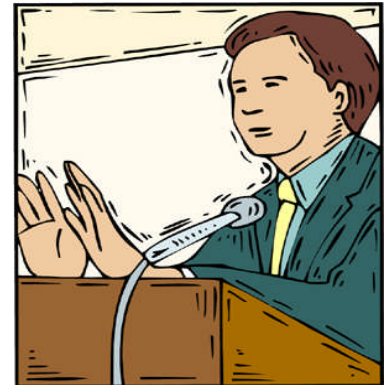
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Speaker Q&A - Cathedral City

Tuesday Night, 7 p.m.

- 1/4 - Steve V - Cathedral City
- 1/11- Tom G - Palm Springs
- 1/18 - Bob R - Desert Hot Springs
- 1/25 - Pat W - Rancho Mirage

Speaker Meetings



Saturday Tumbleweed Group - Desert Hot Springs

Saturday Night, 7:30 p.m.

- 1/1 - Roberta R - Venice Beach
- 1/8 - Bob Q - Sky Valley
- 1/15 - John S - Corona
- 1/22 - Dave H - Desert Hot Springs
- 1/29 - Timothy P - Palm Springs

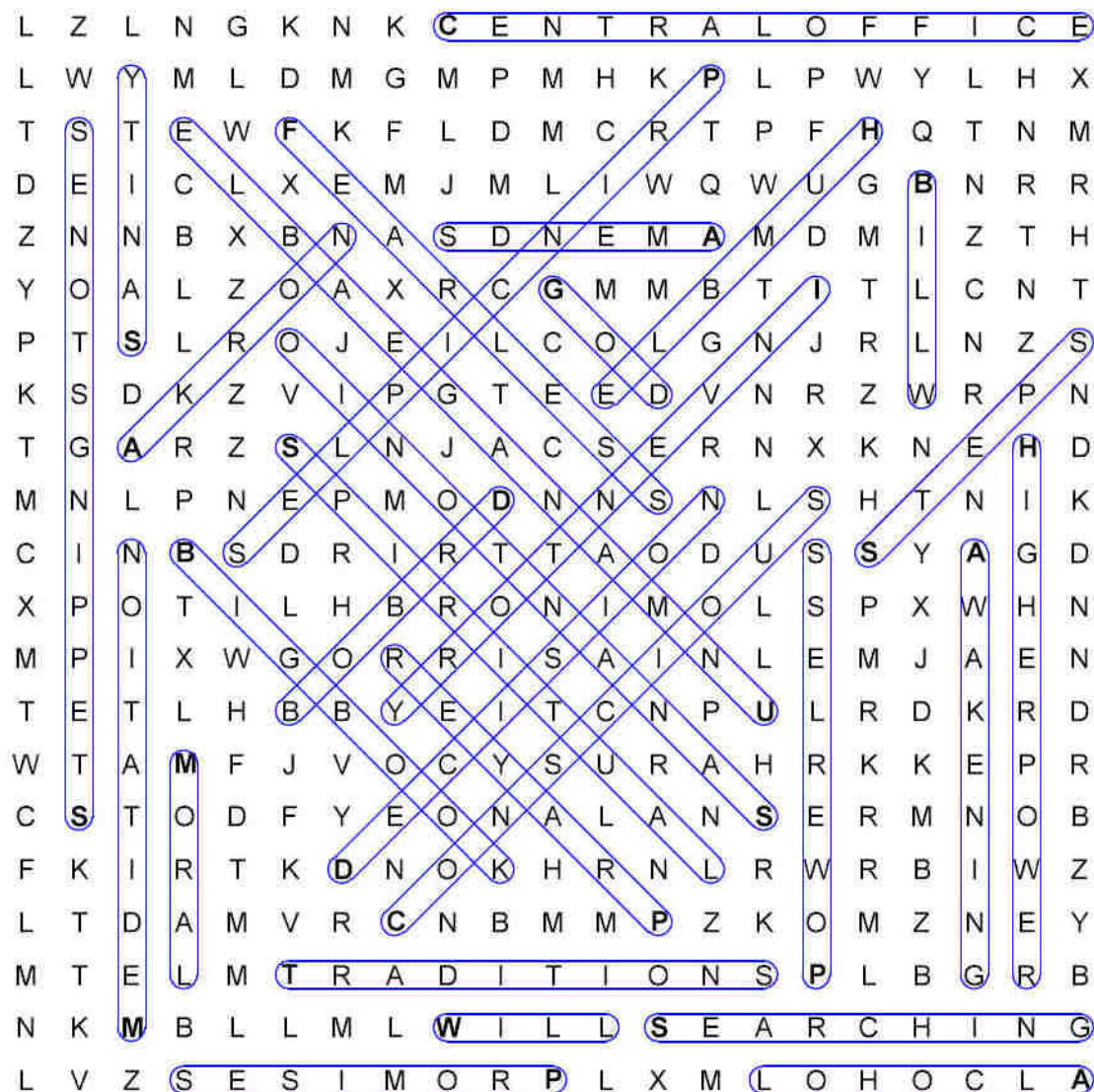
Sobriety Capital of the World - Indio

Friday Night, 8 p.m.

- 1/7 - Rolando B - Indio
- 1/14 - Jerome S - Corona
- 1/21 - Deb H - Yucca Valley
- 1/28 - Barbara F - Long Beach

Please check the web site (www.AAintheDesert.org) for any changes since the printing of the newsletter.

December Puzzle Solution



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the principals of this program in all of our affairs, therefore maintaining the attractiveness of the program of Alcoholics Anonymous for those who still suffer and the lives that may depend upon it. Individual, self centered motives and opinions which are taken to the extreme and expressed in an open forum, such as an A.A. meeting may not be so attractive to the broken, lost, hopeless and Godless alcoholic who still suffers. I know that for me it is absolutely critical that I check my personal motives at all times, trying to keep in mind and in consideration A.A. as a whole and preserving the quality of our *Unity*.

u-ni-ty (*noun*) = oneness of mind, feeling, etc., as among a number of persons; concord, harmony, or agreement.

Thank you all for my sobriety, I owe my life to all of you, the ones that came before me, with me, after me and the ones that keep coming back. We do this together, one day at a time.

Rob B aka "Big Rob"
 Tuesday Night Men's Stag, Fellowship Hall, PD
 Rebel Group, Fellowship Hall, PD

Singleness of Purpose

I recently completed the Eighth Step and have decided that my first amends should be to Alcoholics Anonymous itself, which I believe I have harmed to some extent by violating its singleness of purpose.

I used to identify myself as an alcoholic and an addict. I do not anymore because I now believe other addictions are irrelevant at AA meetings. But, aside from that, I also used to insist on talking about my other addictions beyond what was necessary to relate them to alcohol. I justified this by saying that alcohol was just another drug and so it was unfair to expect me not to talk about all my addictions. And refused to attend any other fellowship because I claimed to prefer the wisdom and sobriety in AA.

I realize now how rude and self-centered this position was. It is not a question of what is fair or whether alcohol is just another drug. The Traditions and primary purpose of AA are what they are whether I agree with them or not.

In the past, when I was active, I often had dinner at the homes of people who did not use drugs, but who did drink. I never considered insisting that I had the right to smoke a joint at their dinner table because they were drinking wine. And imagine if I had, and then added insult to injury by saying: "And not only do I have a right to use any drug I want to around here if you're going to drink, but I'm going to keep coming back and I'm going to keep using any drug I want to in your home because I like the food you serve and your company better than the food and company I find in the homes of my drug addict friends. And I have a right to do this because all drugs are the same and I don't care what the rules or customs of your home are."

Such a gross abuse of hospitality sounds preposterous, but that is essentially what I was doing by insisting that I had a right to violate AA's singleness of purpose. I was abusing the hospitality of this Fellowship.

This is not an apology. I was too sick to realize how selfishly I was acting, and a mere apology is not necessarily an amends. I am hoping to amend the harm I did by stating clearly what I did, for the benefit of others, and, further, by not doing it again.

H. D.
New Medford, New Jersey

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It's true that life is unfair. I have noticed, however, that it somehow does not bother me as much when life is unfair in MY favor!

My level of pain is often defined by the difference between how I want things to be and how they really are.

I am carrying the message of Alcoholics Anonymous wherever I am . . .
somedays I have to stop and ask myself, "is this what I want people
to think Alcoholics Anonymous looks like?"

Step One

*We admitted we were powerless over alcohol -
that our lives had become unmanageable.*

Every journey begins the first step. Recovery is a journey every active alcoholic needs to begin, should begin, wants to begin, but sometimes can't. Because he or she doesn't know what the problem is. We think it's our spouses fault, job stress or because we don't want to loose the "freedom" to drink as we wish. Our eyes need to be opened to the fact that that we are enslaved by alcoholism, that we have lost the power of choice when it comes to drinking, that we are not nearly as free as we think we are. Often some kind of "bottom" makes us humble enough to take pause be honest with ourselves.

If we find ourselves in A.A. one of the first things we do is read the steps on the wall. WE admitted we are powerless over alcohol. We owned up, became honest with ourselves for perhaps the first time in a very long time. And we don't do it alone, either. We do it in meetings, with our fellows, with a sponsor (if we are truly willing and got one).

And our lives have become unmanageable. That part is often the only thing that is abundantly clear to the first-stepper. Lot's of people in our lives saw it a long time ago. Spouses, friends, employers or the police suggested we could not control our drinking. But when we admit it, we have begun the pathway to the only type of freedom that the alcoholic needs. Freedom from the tyranny of active alcoholism. Let the journey begin.

Rob L
Serenity Group, Palm Desert

26th Annual

AA Desert Women's Banquet

Purpose: To provide an opportunity for alcoholic women in recovery to participate with other women in recovery in an atmosphere of friendship and harmony.

**The proceeds of this banquet are donated to
Alcoholics Anonymous Central Intergroup Office of the Desert.**

Sunday, March 13, 2011
Renaissance Esmeralda Resort & Spa

Emerald Ballroom

44-400 Indian Wells Lane, Indian Wells, CA

4:00 – 5:30 pm – Registration/Get Acquainted

5:30 – 7:00 pm – Dinner

7:00 – 8:00 pm – Speaker

\$42 per person – Reservations Required

Appropriate dinner attire required

**NO tickets will be sold at the door. 10 seats per table maximum.
To sit together, registration forms & payment must be returned together.**

Free self-parking is provided in garage at rear of property.

Registration forms at meetings, Central Office, or at www.aainthedesert.org.

Concept One

Final responsibility and ultimate authority for A.A. world services should always reside in the collective conscience of our whole Fellowship.

The vision that Bill and Dr. Bob had of World Service was to insure that AA would be available to help Alcoholics all over the world recover using the same basic principles that had been working here. With that in mind, they knew it would be necessary to help new groups using the format of the groups that were already working so well and to translate the literature into other languages. They had already formed a trusteeship; the trustees had taken a firm hand on the finances but still relied heavily on Bill and Bob in matters of policy. If the fellowship was to thrive, it would require an organization that could handle new requests from groups all over the world, and this had been accomplished with the loving council of the older and successful groups.

There was general apprehension that if they were to bring in other sober alcoholics from different parts of the country to be involved in this process that the whole thing would be expensive and bogged down in politics. And yet they had already written and approved the Second Tradition, "For our group purpose, there is one ultimate authority – a loving God as he may express himself in our group conscience. Our leaders are but trusted servants; they do not govern." But many had doubts about how this would work on a global level.

Bill talks about the beginning of this process, at AA's Service Headquarters, when they would "stop, look and listen"; many worriers lacked faith and said "Why change?" When they tried this on a world level, it only took about five years to see that the principles that work so well for us on a personal/meeting level would work just fine on a much larger scale. "An even greater force for AA's unity is the compelling love that we have for our fellow members and for the principles on which our new lives are founded."

Brian C
Sunny Dunes Fifth Tradition Group, Palm Springs

THINGS THAT ARE DIFFICULT TO SAY WHEN DRUNK

1. Innovative
2. Preliminary
3. Proliferation
4. Cinnamon

THINGS THAT ARE VERY DIFFICULT TO SAY WHEN DRUNK

1. Specificity
2. Anti-constitutionalistically
3. Passive-aggressive disorder
4. Transubstantiate

THINGS THAT ARE DOWNRIGHT IMPOSSIBLE TO SAY WHEN DRUNK

1. No thanks, I'm married.
2. Nope, no more booze for me!
3. Sorry, but you're not really my type.
4. No thanks, I'm not hungry.
5. I'm not interested in fighting you.
6. Thank you, but I won't make any attempt to dance. I have no coordination and I'd hate to look like a fool!
7. I must be going home now as I have to work in the morning.

CENTRAL INTERGROUP OF THE DESERT

November 4, 2010
General Monthly Meeting

Call to order at 7:00 pm.

DIRECTORS:

Chairperson John E
Vice-Chair Mike B
Treasurer Cate M
Board members- Brian C, Toni T, Ben P, Kathy R, Darryl P

Absent: Secretary Paul 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

32 people were in attendance.

- New representatives: Evalina R – DCCYPAA; Norma, Wed. Big Book Thumpers, Coachella; Dion, Wed. Sloan's Stag.

MINUTES – John E. read the minutes of the October 7, 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 month ending September 30, 2010. Approved as presented.

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 Matt for Step 11, Pricilla for Tradition 11 and Brian for Concept 11.
- Volunteers for Step 12 Ben P, Tradition 12 Toni T and Concept 12 Evalina R. These need to be submitted to Central Office (preferably via e-mail) by 11-12-10.
- Book of the month – this month is 12 Steps and 12 Traditions – Large Print Edition. Normally \$7.75 – this month \$6.25 now available at Central Office.
- So far 202 people have signed up for Lifeline email. You can go to our web site, www.aainthedesert.org and follow the sign up link. After entering your name and email address it is saved in a database and the current copy of the Lifeline is emailed to you. Spread the word. Watch how many printed copies of the Lifeline are left unclaimed each month so we can cut back on printing.
- New Book – *Spiritual Awakenings II* is in. So are the calendars and pocket planners.
- Saved \$10/month with new Verizon billing plans.

- We gave a Secretary Workshop in Yucca Valley last month – Ben P and myself. About 20 – 25 attended. We'll probably do this yearly. I'm planning on 2 here next year – one in March and one in September.
- We'll have an open house here in February – cake and soft drinks will be served.

SPECIAL EVENTS – Mike B announced that Gratitude Dinner ticket sales are closed and unsold tickets and money for ticket sales should be turned in to Central Office.

OUTREACH COMMITTEE – No report.

OLD BUSINESS

- The Board elections are 12/2/10 at Intergroup meeting. Need to be sober 2 years, have attended 4 of the last 6 meetings and be present for voting. Five members will be elected.
- Pizza party will be held 12-2-10 at 6:00 pm prior to Intergroup meeting.
- An open house for Central Office will be scheduled in mid February.
- A secretary's workshop was held in Yucca Valley lead by Ben P. and Jim K.

NEW BUSINESS

- Take message of Central Office to groups, Promote faithful fivers and birthday envelopes.
- DCCYPAA report by Evalina. Many members attended the SoCalYPAA Conference in LA on 10/30/2010. The Desert won the bid to hold the 2011 SoCalYPAA Conference which will be held at the Riviera Hotel on 10/31/2011. Planning meetings will be held every Thursday at 6:30 pm at Agua Blanca in Rancho Mirage. All are welcome to participate. Check the DCCYPAA website for updates.
- GSR no report.
- H & I no report.

GROUP REPRESENTATIVES – COMMENTS AND/OR CONCERNS:

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: December 2, 2010 @ 7:00 pm

Next Board Meeting: November 18, 2010 @ 6:30 pm

Respectfully Submitted,
Cate M.
Treasurer

I got well in the rooms of Alcoholics Anonymous.
Of course, this is MY definition of well --- your experience may be different!

One of my mentors in the program, Ron, told of arriving drunk at his DWI court appearance, resulting in the judge delaying the case for a few days.

At the rescheduled hearing, Ron again arrived intoxicated, and the judge admonished him "Mr. D, you're drunk again!." Ron replied, "No, your Honor, I am not drunk again. I am drunk STILL. There's a difference."

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

	Nov 10	Jul - Nov 10
Ordinary Income/Expense		
Income		
Anonymous Donations	75.97	388.61
Birthday Contributions	145.00	474.00
Convention Contributions		
Desert Men's Banquet	525.00	525.00
Desert Pow Wow	0.00	4,000.00
Gratitude Dinner		
Gratitude Dinner Income	2,901.67	7,861.67
Gratitude Dinner Expenses	-5,490.38	-5,516.88
Total Gratitude Dinner	-2,588.71	2,344.79
Maad Dog Daze	229.23	229.23
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	-1,834.48	7,657.42
Discrepancies		
Shortages	0.00	-52.80
Total Discrepancies	0.00	-52.80
Group Contributions	4,977.19	17,681.38
Interest	1.45	167.89
Intergroup & Service Contrib.	37.00	156.35
Net Sales Income		
Literature Net Sales		
Book Net Sales	455.10	2,415.23
Misc Net Sales	15.64	61.87
Pamphlets Net Sales	51.44	303.64
Schedules Net Sales	71.97	400.42
Total Literature Net Sales	594.15	3,181.16
Total Medallion Net Sales	624.88	4,953.52
Total Sobriety Card Net Sales	41.47	352.98
Total Net Sales Income	1,260.50	8,487.66
Printing Income	0.00	10.50
Total Income	4,662.63	34,971.01
Gross Profit	4,662.63	34,971.01

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

	Nov 10	Jul - Nov 10
Expense		
Answering Service	217.50	559.43
Computer		
Dial up/DSL	0.00	127.96
Parts and supplies	69.99	169.94
Website	247.90	247.90
Total Computer	317.89	545.80
Depreciation		
Depreciation - Copier	78.23	590.57
Depreciation - Leasehold Improv	91.42	457.10
Depreciation - PA system	25.76	128.80
Total Depreciation	195.41	1,176.47
Manager Education	0.00	832.78
Newsletter Expense	219.06	891.47
Office Expense	136.41	1,481.88
Payroll Expenses		
Insurance - Health Insurance	733.00	3,665.00
Insurance - Worker's Comp	0.00	523.00
Salaries	2,541.00	13,816.00
Taxes & Payroll Accounting	288.76	1,536.02
Payroll Expenses - Other	0.00	0.00
Total Payroll Expenses	3,562.76	19,540.02
Postage	0.00	102.79
Rent	1,242.00	6,210.00
Shipping, Transport, Storage	67.50	426.62
State Filing Fee	0.00	25.00
Tax Preparation	0.00	600.00
Utilities	221.54	2,345.46
Total Expense	6,180.07	34,737.72
Net Ordinary Income	-1,517.44	233.29
Net Income	-1,517.44	233.29



SOCALYPAA³
PALM SPRINGS, CA
NOVEMBER 24-27, 2011

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888 TAHQUITZ CANYON WAY
PALM SPRINGS, CA 92262
(760) 322-6000

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:

www.socalypaa3.org
socalypaa3@gmail.com

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, January 2011

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

	<u>Nov 10</u>	<u>Jul - Nov 10</u>
10th Step Study -THU Palm Desert	0.00	168.08
12 X 12 Step Study - THU - Cathedral City	3.92	20.00
12X12 - La Quinta	0.00	103.00
3rd & 11th Step - SUN - Rancho Mirage	110.93	177.50
As Bill Sees It - SUN - Cathedral City	10.55	42.99
Attitude Adj-ALL Meetings Palm Springs	90.00	450.00
Attitude Adjustment-M-F Rancho Mirage	1,425.00	1,425.00
Attitude Adjustment-M-S Palm Desert	172.00	642.90
Attitude Adjustment-M-S PDCC, Palm Desert	760.00	1,360.00
Attitude Adjustment-MON Cathedral City	8.46	38.01
Attitude Adjustment - MON Rancho Mirage	0.00	104.50
Back to Basics-FRI Rancho Mirage	126.00	286.64
Big Book Study - Wed - Palm Springs	0.00	229.00
Book Study-FRI Cathedral City	11.46	55.55
Came to Believe-WED Cathedral City	11.62	74.27
Came to Believe Gp-All Palm Springs	0.00	400.00
Candle Light Meditation Group - TUE - PD	75.46	213.51
Daily Reprieve-Daily Palm Desert	73.37	337.99
Dolls of Valley -WED Palm Desert	0.00	86.98
Fearless & Thorough-TUE Rancho Mirage	90.00	90.00
Feelings & Solutions-WED Palm Desert	0.00	32.71
Free Spirit-THU Cathedral City	12.84	48.73
Goals Group	75.00	75.00
Groovy Group-TUE Palm Desert	0.00	229.45
Group '48-MON Palm Springs	0.00	277.34
Half Measures-TUE Cathedral City	8.66	65.16
Hi-Desert Sat. Speaker -SAT Yucca Valley	0.00	10.00
How It Works-ALL Meetings Palm Springs	100.00	500.00
How It Works-WED Palm Desert	0.00	137.02
Into Action-TUE Cathedral City	11.78	47.79
It's A Better Deal-MON Yucca Valley	40.00	80.00
Jaywalkers Men's Stag - PD	30.00	50.00
Just the Black Print Book Study-WED - RM	50.00	258.00
Keep It Simple-Many DHS	0.00	70.97
Kisses-THU Indio	0.00	106.00
Ladies Nite Out-WED Palm Desert	0.00	147.90
Living Sober-MON Cathedral City	4.92	32.28
Living Sober-MON Palm Springs	0.00	202.00
Living Sober Group-ALL Joshua Tree	30.00	60.00
Meditation Meeting-THU Cathedral City	3.81	21.80
Men's Mauraders-MON Palm Desert	0.00	400.00
Men's Stag-TUE Palm Desert	50.00	150.00
Men's Stag-WED Indio	150.00	150.00
Mixed Nuts - THU - Palm Springs	0.00	50.00

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Morning Step Study - SAT - DHS	0.00	25.00
New Beginnings -MON Palm Desert	0.00	109.85
New Freedom - TUE - Palm Desert	0.00	100.00
No Rules - La Quinta	272.00	984.00
Oxy-Moron Group-THU Palm Springs	0.00	160.00
Palm Desert Group -SAT - Palm Desert	0.00	83.20
Primary Purpose -TUE Palm Desert	0.00	175.00
Q & A - FRI - Palm Desert	0.00	44.41
Q & A -SUN Cathedral City	5.70	26.96
Rebel Group - SUN - Palm Desert	0.00	24.00
Sane Saturday-SAT Cathedral City	11.99	57.48
Santa Rosa Big Book Thumpers-WED-Coachell	0.00	239.00
Saturday's Survivors-SAT Cathedral City	24.09	90.98
Saturday Disc. -SAT Palm Desert	0.00	48.00
Serenity Group -SUN Palm Desert	222.11	529.20
Serenity Seekers-FRI - Rancho Mirage	0.00	180.00
Serenity Sunday-SUN Cathedral City	9.09	31.41
Sober Out'a The Book-FRI Cathedral City	12.08	35.67
Sober Sisters-THU Indian Wells	0.00	6.78
Sobriety Capitol of World-ALL Indio	120.27	519.64
Sobriety Sisters-THU Palm Desert	0.00	60.00
Solutions in Sobriety-SAT Palm Desert	0.00	49.67
Speaker Q&A - Cathedral City	9.07	58.47
Spiritual Awakening-SAT Cathedral City	6.63	43.87
Step Sisters-MON Palm Desert	224.62	529.62
Step Study-WED Cathedral City	7.50	43.28
Sunday Morning-SUN Cathedral City	19.40	78.05
Sunny Dunes 5th Tradition Group - ALL- PS	0.00	1,952.83
Sunrise Celebrators-M-S Palm Desert	136.49	635.26
TGIF - FRI - Cathedral City	0.95	7.79
There Is Hope-FRI DHS	120.00	170.00
ThirdTradition-THU-Landers	0.00	100.00
Turning Point-WED DHS	50.00	50.00
Vets for Vets - TUE - Palm Desert	100.00	350.00
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	8.10	38.32
Winners Meeting-WED Palm Springs	0.00	50.00
Women's Book Study-MON Indio	0.00	36.00
Women's Meeting-MON Yucca Valley	50.00	50.00
Women's Step Study - Cat City	1.32	9.22
Working With Others - DHS - THU	30.00	80.00
TOTAL	4,977.19	17,681.38

87 out of approximately 290 groups have contributed to Central Office so far this fiscal year. That represents roughly 30% of the meetings in the Coachella Valley.

When I sit in a quiet place and listen to my mind, I see what a wild thing it can be
Then I realized this is what I had been letting run my life! YIKES!"

The thing that I found the toughest about the "rigorous honesty" part of the program was the honesty part. I had been so deceitful for so long that I no longer knew when I was lying and when I was telling the truth. I didn't mind so much when I lied to you, but I no longer knew when I was lying to myself. That's when a woman walked up to me and offered to be my sponsor. She made it so much easier!

When I was new I heard someone say in a meeting, "take what you like and leave the rest." My sponsor leaned over and said, "Honey, you better take it all, 'cause you don't know what you'll need.

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