

Just For Today Recovery.Unity.Service.

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Tucson Area Intergroup Inc.

March 2013

OUR THREE LEGACIES MARCH

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Step Three:

(Recovery)

Made a decision to turn our will and our lives over to the care of God as we understood Him.

Tradition Three: (Unity)

The only requirement for AA membership is a desire to stop drinking.

Concept Three: (Service)

To insure effective leadership, we should endow each element of AA-the Conference, the General Service Board and its service corporations, staffs, committees, and executives-with a traditional "Right of Decision."

*Indecision with the passing of
time becomes decision.*

-Bill W.

I STOPPED butting my head against the stone wall only after a full year of knowing about A.A. but not getting in touch with them--for all the standard reasons--even after I knew something had to be done. From what I hear, many others continue to shy away, months and years, from inquiring even deeply enough for the general idea. And we all seem agreed that our lifeline is that helping hand to those still in the squirrel cage, who really want the way out.

When I did get my feet wet in A.A., having skimmed through the book and attended a few meetings, I was ready to tell these amateurs a few things about organization; verily, how the bug ate the cabbage. Then came a portion of serenity. As they say of watches and cartoons, "The instant you take it apart to see what makes it tick, she stops running." I am no longer a reorganizer.

But wouldn't we like to avoid scaring the newcomer away after his first meeting, sometimes that first interview? Shorten that head-butting period? Do we keep aware that he's in a fog, worried, shaky, miserable, permeated with fear--the most primitive of all emotions? Your own memory of that can dim quickly. Okay, you get the man to a meeting. You know those flying lizards won't hurt him; he really knows they're imaginary--but he ducks every time they come at him. He's been told that his religion, if any, matters not at all. He can be anything. He must only find faith in a power higher than himself. . .you know it takes some searching for a conceited drunk to think of anyone, offhand, greater than himself. Yet the complete atheist is a rare bird. Fine. The speaker (for example, a type I find averaging about one in four) leads off with reassurance that religion was checked at

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Please Join Us...

Get connected with great service opportunities outside of the home group!

AA of the Air
Contact: Lee M.L. 975-7442

Cooperation with the Professional Community
Contact: Dennis O. 940-5741

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Miscellaneous Income For January 2013

Special Events.....	\$1000.00
Personal Contributions.....	884.00
Received from meetings at Central Office.....	792.15

Central Office News

The next Intergroup meeting will be Sunday, March 10th @1:30pm.

We always are in need of people for the Home Answering Service, if you have a year or more of sobriety and want to be involved in this valuable service work please call Reggie or Lynne at 882-7422 and set up a training time. It takes about 30 minutes.

We are in need of some 12 Step volunteers. If you have a year or more years of continuous sobriety, a telephone and a willingness to help the alcoholic who still suffers, then call 882-7422. Just think, the life you save may be your own.



Central Office Calls January 2013

Info: 502

12 step: 63

Internet Hits: 5406

Treasurer's Report January 2013

Total Available Funds.....	\$28,545.81
Income.....	\$18,710.24
Cost of Goods Sold.....	(4,257.98)
Gross Profit.....	14,452.26
Total Expenses.....	7,026.38
Net Income/Loss.....	7,397.65

Current available funds for operation total \$28,545.81 which is 61% of our 'Prudent Reserve' of \$47,096.00

Personal Contributions 1/01/2013 to 1/31/2013
Anonymous X8, Fernando R, Margaret Mc, Butch, David M, Bill N, Nancy, Colette C, Jay F, Katrina S, Elizabeth T, Michael J, Bruce J, John K, Mark D, Agnes M, Valerie C, Lynne L, Ned & Sally B, Jake J, Dona P, Nancy R.

Tucson Area Intergroup, Inc. (TALL) Committee Meeting Minutes – February 10, 2013

Nancy S. called meeting to order at 1:30 pm with the Preamble of AA, the Purpose of Intergroup and the Ground Rules of the Meeting being read.

New Intergroup Reps: Matt M. of TGIF, Matt B. of the Footloose Meeting, Dani B. of the Woman's Solution Group, Tim C. of Free to be Men, Susie C. of Eastside Nooners Group, Sue G. of the Freedom Group were all introduced.

Secretary's Report: (Shane C.) January 2013 minutes are approved as written.

Central Office: (Reggie T.) Our end of the year inventory went well and people had a good time doing it. Thank you to all that helped. We have one opening on the Home Answering Service and it is: **the first Thursday morning from 6:00 – 9:30 am.** We have been given a new front desk for the volunteers thanks to Craig M. We have had 5398 hits on our website in the last month so there are people that are using it. Don, (our web guy) would like some help with the site. They would have to know HTML, CSS and PHP or have the resources for those. I would really like to get our current group updates. So, with your permission and help could we please put the word out to update your group and meetings contacts with Central Office? If you could all take some update forms and take them to the meetings that you go to and ask for updated contacts (even one current contact) for those groups we would really appreciate it. **Central Office hours are Monday - Friday 9:30 am to 5:30 pm.** The Tucson web-site, www.aatucson.org is a great way to stay up to date with all that is going on in Tucson AA. And remember you can print the monthly Just For Today newsletter from www.aatucson.org. **The next Intergroup meeting will be on March 10th at 1:30 pm at Central Office.**

Treasurer's Report: (Trish D.) The current prudent reserve is at 59% with \$28,545.81. For 2013 TALL increased the budget for printing by \$1000.00 and the budget for special events by \$1500.00. After some decreases of different departmental budgets there was a total of \$1908.00 increase in the 2013 TALL budget. Please help support TALL by getting your meeting and group to contribute and too through your personal contributions.

Financial Sustainability Committee: (Mel S.) The next meeting will be **Saturday February 16th at 1:00 pm at Central Office.** Attendance is encouraged. We are requesting support and volunteers to help kick-start this much needed committee. We are also looking for people to man the booth at Founders Day. The goal of the committee is to have consistent and reasonable income to detour from having an all out emergency every two years. It is hoped that members will support this vital committee and be able to provide presentations to those groups that do not participate in supporting Tucson Area Intergroup. It is the committee's desire to give all groups and meetings an active voice. Be sure to refer to the February 2013 Just for Today newsletter for a complete list of 2012 meeting and group contributions. Please, please give this new committee your support and advocate to those groups that do not contribute to TALL.

Corrections Committee: (Tery S.) Corrections is in need of books for the prisons. We are looking for donations of soft cover Big Book's and 12 and 12's. The Area 03 Correction's Conference took place in Peoria, AZ on January the 19th and 3 Tucson state officials were present including the state warden from Tucson, also present were 3 federal officials from Tucson including a federal warden from Tucson. The ADOC director was the premier speaker letting us know corrections was a big business with a billion dollar budget. 11 members from Tucson were present, we signed up 4 new volunteers for the Tucson area. Our committee met on January 26, here at Central Office, we had one new volunteer available and interested in starting up the meeting at the juvenile detention center. We had an old information letter put together by our committee 15 years ago, and voted on updating and bringing it back to use behind the walls. All is well at the State and Federal facilities. Lots of interest and enthusiasm with the peer led meetings at the State prison. Volunteers interested should contact Dennis W. at (520) 977-8149. The Pima County Jail is also doing well, always looking for volunteers. Males should contact Jack W. at (520) 906-4888 and females should contact Tamera at (520) 271-2401. Thank you for letting me be of service Dante G. (520) 975-6043

Treatment Committee: (Reggie T.) Patrick S. is the Treatment Facilities Committee Coordinator for TALL. Our committee meets on the 2nd Thursday of the month at 6 pm here at Central Office. **Our next meeting will be February 14th at 6 pm at Central Office.** We meet even months, every other month. New Meeting/Spirit of Rotation Meeting Requests: Compass Detox/New Directions: Monday afternoons, every week, 1-2 pm. Monday evenings, every week, 7-8 pm. Wednesday afternoon, 2nd and 4th Wednesday, 1-2 pm. Wednesday evenings, every week, 4:30-5:30 pm. Catalina Village Assisted Living: Monday afternoon's 2-3 pm (location is near 1st and Beverly). St. Joe's Hospital/Orielly Center: Sat. & Sun. afternoon or early evening meetings, Time – TBD by volunteer. Cottonwood Tucson: Wednesday evening speaker meeting, every week at 7:30 pm. Intergroup/Treatment Representatives: I would like to encourage continued communication from our Intergroup Representatives by having your group Treatment Reps contact me so I can streamline the process of updating our current list of volunteers and facilities being served.

Volunteers: Do you have a desire to be involved and can't commit to a weekly meeting? Contact me at (520) 405-0965 and I will add your name to a list of those willing to be chairpersons or fill in on a temporary basis.

Announcements: If you have information on New or Existing meetings taking place at treatment facilities or half-way houses, please contact me so I can check that I have the correct contact information.

Big Book Donation Boxes - You can drop off new or used Big Books and other conference approved literature for Treatment Facilities in our drop box at central office!

Bridge the Gap: - The Treatment committee is continuing to create a database of volunteers who are willing to meet and/or take individuals to AA meetings after they leave treatment. We are looking for a member to help coordinate

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these volunteers and create a database so that the committee can provide this service in our local Treatment community. Please contact me if you are interested. Thanks to: All group Treatment Rep's, meeting chairs and volunteers who support meetings in treatment facilities around greater Tucson! I am grateful for all of your hard work throughout the year! Additional thanks to Treatment committee members who have volunteered to help me update our current facilities list! Feel free to contact Pat S. via email, pmscott@asu.edu, or by phone at (520) 405-0965. Thank you for allowing me to be a part of General Service.

CPC/PI Committee: (Barry G.) Dennis O. is the CPC chairperson and Barry G. is the PI chairperson. We need new volunteers for the Thursday, Valentine Day Health Fair from 9 – 2 pm. at Tucson Estates.

AA of the Air Committee: no report. Barry G. clarified that there is a need for this position to be actively filled and committed to. Please make announcements at your home group meetings. Elections for this vital service position have been postponed until the next TALL meeting on March 10th at 1:30 pm at Central Office.

Grapevine Committee: (Andrea S.) Andrea S. is the new chairperson. We are asking each group to provide contact information for their Grapevine Representatives. A contact list was passed around. We are asking that each group subscribe to the Grapevine. **The next meeting is February 20th at 5:30 pm at Central Office.**

Spanish Liaison: no report.

Vice Chair/ Area Liaison: (Nancy S.) John A. is registered for the March 1 – 3. Pacific Regional AA Service Assembly (PRAASA) in Boise, Idaho. John plans to provide a report of his experience at the March Intergroup meeting and also plans to report at a post-PRAASA even on March 16th. (save the date and look for a flyer coming soon!) This workshop event is outlined to be a General Service Representative (GSR) Orientation in the morning, a pot luck lunch and a post-PRAASA presentation in the afternoon. John also intends to write something about his experience for inclusion in the *Just for Today* newsletter. This is all in an effort to support the purpose of PRAASA which is to develop greater unity among the members, groups and areas of the Pacific Region; to encourage the exchange of ideas and experiences; and to provide an opportunity for members to discuss pertinent aspects of AA. John has the following items to discuss relevant to the January 2013 District meeting: A 3 day Pre-Conference Assembly is scheduled for March 29 – 31, 2013 in Tucson. Focus is on planning for the 2013 AZ State Convention in Tucson. Spread the word! Service opportunities abound. Meetings are 5:45 – 6:45 pm, the third Thursday at Central Office before the District meeting. The District Handbook draft is completed. Back to Basics Workshop is coming April 13, 2013. Flyer is forthcoming. Olly is scheduled to speak. Service volunteers are being sought. The Area 03 Delegate, Dave M., is planning to speak on Tuesday, February 12, 2013 at 7 pm at the Salvation Army on Richey Blvd. See the flyer for details. Thanks for letting me be of service, John A.

Special Events Coordinator: no report.

AI-Anon Liaison: no report.

Old Business: AA of the Air: Barry G. clarified that there is a genuine need for the AA of the Air Chairperson position to be actively filled and committed to. Please make announcements at your home group meetings. Elections for this vital service position have been postponed until the next TALL meeting on March 10th at 1:30 pm at Central Office.

New Business: none

Adjournment: Closed with the Declaration of Unity and the Responsibility Declaration. The next TALL meeting will be on March 10th at 1:30 pm at Central Office.

Sincere thanks to Shane C. for his exemplary service to AA and TALL in taking these minutes.

In your service,

Shane C.

March Birthdays



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Morning Shades

Austin O 3 years
Tom M 3 years
Nan T 24 years
Evey W 26 years
Lynne 27 years
Pat T 30 years

Hopi Group

Kristie K 3 years
Rod R 16 years
Tom D 18 years

Our Daily Bread

Aaron A 1 year
Jennifer R 1 year
Debbie S 4 years

Retired Professionals

Ray L 2 years
Danny S 2 years

The Right Place

Pattie R 3 years

Freedom Group

Paul S. 7 years
Bill B. 27 years

the door along with politics and the natural desire to make a fast buck. He then proceeds to define pretty well his personal conception of God as a Being, and for about 15 minutes--if not steadily, then with profuse references--delivers a testimonial to orthodox religion as set up by the professionals in that business. That is his affair. It also belongs in the privacy of his home or church. The newcomer begins to wonder. He came here to sober up. The line now on the air he's heard before; he either didn't care for it, or it didn't help him.

The man who lined up The 12 Steps wisely put the "spiritual awakening" last. It means different things to different people.

A.A. had an uphill fight for understanding in public opinion. Still has. The name is too easily borrowed for jokes, puns, incidental use in comic strips, cartoons. The new man, his nerves about to go zing-g-g! like a too-tight mainspring, has a tall decision to make before joining A.A. unreservedly. He is a ripe customer for some calm logic. Why toss another flying lizard at him, at least before he can get set?

C.C. Bayside, New York

MORE ABOUT SEX!!

(Now that I have your attention)

History of AA
Thursdays 3:00 pm
@ Central Office
849 S. Campbell

CHANGES TO THE 'PLANETARY PURPLE' MEETING SCHEDULE



New Meeting

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Tucson into Action Meeting
Salvation Army 1001 N
Richey Blvd
(O) NS (WH) book Study
Tuesday 7:00 pm

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Around the Block
East entrance Library Ansei
Israel
5550 E 5th Street
(O) NS (WH) BB/Discussion
Thursday 6:30

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Catalina
From the Promises Group
Mt View Church Kitchen
3270 E Armstrong Ln
(C) NS (WH) Discussion
Thursday 10:00 AM

Precisely How We Recovered

"The 12 Steps According to Dr. Bob & the Oldtimers"



Dr. Bob

Saturday, April 13th. 9 AM - 4 PM
Casas Adobes Congregational Church
6801 N. Oracle Road

Questions? Call Kathy 465-0561 or Gail 907-1046

Speakers: Ollie S. & Floyd L.

This workshop covers how the original members of AA did the 12 steps. This is a method of doing the 12 steps for your own use, or with people you sponsor.

In the 40's you were required to attend the "beginners' meeting" and do all 12 steps before you were allowed to attend the regular discussion meetings. This way, you would have an understanding of the 12 steps. This was Dr. Bob's way, and how they did the 12 steps is taken from the first 164 pages of the Big Book.

"We of AA are more than 100 men and women who have recovered . . . and the book will show you 'precisely how we recovered.'"
-Forward, 1st Edition of Big Book



No need to register.
Just show up!
Lunch included.



Bring your Big Book to this workshop

Groups Represented at the January 2013 Intergroup Meeting

Between the Tracks
Courage to Change
Eastside Nooners
801 Group
Foothills Group
Footloose Group
Freedom Group

Free to be Me
Golf Links
Green Valley
Honest Open and Free
Jung People's
Mountain Avenue Big Book
Oro Valley Men's Stag
Our Daily Bread
Overton Sunday Morning
Right Place
Rincon

Smoke Free Nooners
Southside Group
Stone Sober
Sunday Morning Eastside
T G I F!
Twelve Stepping Sisters
Vistoso Retreats
Wednesday Twelve Step Study
Women's Solutions

Group Contributions Thru January 2013

A Safe Place for Women.....	51.89
ABC Group.....	300.00
Anonymous Group.....	50.00
Business & Professional Men.....	500.00
BYOB.....	5.00
Campus Nooners.....	100.00
Catalina Wed Night Mtg.....	104.50
Clean Air Group.....	120.00
Dove Mountain Group.....	407.00
Eastside Sat AM'ers.....	130.00
Freedom Group.....	100.00
Golf Links Group.....	350.50
GV Fantastic Breakfast.....	60.00
GV Lamplighters.....	164.00
GV Women in Sobriety.....	15.00
Happy Destiny.....	74.00
Hopi Group.....	45.00
Ironwood Hills.....	45.40
Lodestar of Hope.....	400.00
Men Seeking Guidance.....	288.91
Mid Week Serenity.....	250.00
Mon Night Big Book.....	171.00
Morning Shades.....	60.00
Mountain Ave.....	175.00
Odds & Ends.....	62.20
Oro Valley Men's Stag.....	608.95
Oro Valley Step Sisters.....	23.00
Pre-Weekenders.....	33.00
Retired Professional's.....	40.00
Serenity.....	25.00
Smoke Free Nooner's.....	Contr.
Sober Sister.....	100.00
Solutions Group.....	495.21
Southside.....	430.50
Under the Mesquite.....	17.00
Women by the Book.....	500.00
Women Who Weren't Born Yesterday.....	400.00

THIRD LEGACY

Tucson Area Intergroup, Inc.

Meets 2nd Sunday Monthly
1:30 p.m. at Central Office

CPC & PI Committee

Meets 4th Wednesday Monthly
5:30 p.m. at Central Office

Treatment Committee

Meets 2nd Thursday (even months)
6 p.m. at Central Office

Corrections Committee

Meets 3rd Saturday (odd months)
at 9:30 a.m. at Central Office

Grapevine Committee

Meets last Tuesday (odd months)
6 p.m. at Central Office

Sustainability Committee

Meets Saturday (following
intergroup)
1p.m. at Central Office

DCMC

Cyd B. 909-3862
Alternate DCMC: Fred H. 370-2124
TALI Liaison: John A. 271-8183

District 11-000 Pima County

Meets 3rd Thursday
7 p.m. at Central Office. All GSRs and
DCMs have a voice and vote at this
meeting.

Northwest District 11-110

Meets 1st Wednesday at 6:15 p.m.
2800 W. Ina Rd., Christ King Church
DCM: Daniel B. 548-9949

Central District 11-111

Meets 2nd Wednesday at 6:45 p.m.
610 E. Delano #103 Stone Sober
DCM: Tim H. 232-4374

Eastern District 11-114

Meets 3rd Wednesday at 6 p.m.
Eastside City Hall, 7575 E. Speedway
DCM: Alex A. 548-1326

Southwest District 11-115

Meets 3rd Thursday 5:45 p.m.
At Central Office
DCM: Aaron M. 358-5072

Green Valley District

Meets 2nd Thursday at 6:30 p.m.
St. Francis Episcopal Church Library
600 S. La Canada, Green Valley
DCM: Mike F. 407-5581

Spanish Linguistic District 16-016

Meets 1st Saturday at 7:30 p.m.
Spanish Intergroup Office
2549 S. 6th Ave.

DCM: Rene