

# Just For Today Recovery.Unity.Service.

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Tucson Area Intergroup Inc.

August 2013

## OUR THREE LEGACIES AUGUST

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### Step Eight: (Recovery)

Made a list of all persons we had harmed, and became willing to make amends to the all.

### Tradition Eight: (Unity)

Alcoholics Anonymous should remain forever nonprofessional, but our service centers may employ special workers.

### Concept Eight: (Service)

The trustees are the principal planners and administrators of over-all policy and finance. They have custodial oversight of the separately incorporated and constantly active services, exercising through their ability to elect all the directors of these entities.

*Honesty with ourselves & others gets us sober, but it is tolerance that keeps us that way.*

*-Bill W.*

It is now, for this 24-hour period, my considered opinion that there is no such thing as a bad AA meeting or an unfriendly AA group. Wait a minute! I didn't get here at this phase in one leap!

I remember well the first phase. Anybody who could stand on their feet in AA and articulate a few words was speaking gospel and even though the very next speaker disagreed in total with the previous one, to me it was all AA and I swallowed it greedily, hook, line and sinker.

Then came the phase where I began to run all the meetings. I'd sit forward on the edge of my chair and concentrate in the hopes of putting the "right" (according to me) words in each speaker's mouth. I even went so far as to find out who the speakers were upon the occasions when I had a prospect or new member in tow, and outline to them exactly what I wanted said. The fact that I was completely exhausted after every meeting, and that I was certainly not getting very far making friends with the various speakers and that AA had been getting along somehow pretty well before I came in did not dawn on me. After all, this was for AA! I had no selfish motive!

Then came the dawn! At one excruciatingly horrible meeting where I had with me a prospect in whom I was particularly interested (just like I was in the last one--but I had forgotten that) I nearly gave up. I felt like apologizing to the newcomer. "Please don't think," said I, "that this is all of AA. You must attend many, many meetings before you can get a true picture of AA. I'll pick you up and we'll go to--" But here I was interrupted. My prospect (mine, mind you, not AA's) looking

# Please Join Us...

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

**AA of the Air**  
Contact: Jim H. 248-1698

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

**Public Information**  
Contact: Barry G. 990-6664

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## Miscellaneous Income For June 2013

Founder's Day.....\$1,212.44  
Personal Contributions.....579.00  
Received from meetings at  
Central Office.....525.85

# Central Office News

The next Intergroup meeting will be Sunday, August 11th @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 June 2013

Info: 501

12 step: 37

Internet Hits: 5023

## Treasurer's Report June 2013

Total Available Funds.....\$24,830.70

Income.....	\$9,672.70
Cost of Goods Sold.....	(2,538.24)
Gross Profit.....	7,134.46
Total Expenses.....	7,874.96
Net Income/Loss.....	-740.50

Current available funds for operation total \$24,830.70 which is 51% of our 'Prudent Reserve' of \$48,050.00

Personal Contributions 6/01/2013 to 5/30/2013  
Anonymous X2, Margaret Mc, Elizabeth T, Michael J, Lynne L, Ned & Sally B, Mark D, Fernando R, David M, Katrina S, Valerie C, John K, Bill N.

# Minutes – July 14, 2013

John A. called meeting to order at 1:30pm with the Serenity Prayer, the AA Preamble and the TAII Purpose and Ground Rules being read.

**New Intergroup Reps:** Katie K. of the Woman's Solution Group was introduced.

**Secretary's Report: Mark K.** Minutes approved w/corrections. 2 Corrections for June's JFT; under New Intergroup Reps: #1.) Matt M. of TGIF was listed as a new rep., yet he has been serving since Jan. #2.) Matt M. was listed as the new Spanish Liaison when it is actually Alex H.

**TAII Sub-Committee: Mark K.** Points discussed will be covered in reports.

**Treasurer's Report: Trish D.** The reserve is \$24,830.70 which is 51% of the prudent reserve of \$48,050.00. The increase is attributed to group contributions and the return of the seed money from the Founders' Day Event.

**Central Office: Reggie T.** We have 2 shifts open on the Home Answering Service and they are: The 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday from 10pm-6am. And the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday from 6am-9:30am. We had an "Anonymous" donor send us a check for a new window AC unit for our office. That was so nice of you we would like to thank you, you know who you are. There is one thing on our wish list and that is if we could get a group of people to come in and really clean Central Office. That would be great. I mean like wiping down the walls and everything. Founders Day was a smashing success! Our many thanks to Happy Destiny! We had to pay a fee to have our mobile website be ad free. It was minimal and worth it. Remember: when you send in group contributions please provide the groups name *as it appears in the meeting schedule*, not their GSO #, as this saves us valuable time. Our next Intergroup meeting will be August 11<sup>th</sup> so mark your calendars.

**Corrections Committee: Dante G.** Our committee will meet on July 20th 10:30am here at the Central Office. New volunteer meeting will be at 9:30am. We are attempting to put on a corrections workshop in September, it will be called the Corrections Fiesta. Date TBA. We met with Dist. 11-114 last month at their district meeting, and asked for their participation in both physically and financially with the Corrections Fiesta, they voted to support the committee. The state prison will be holding two - 4th and 5th Step workshops. One of the sessions will be this Wednesday in the evening it is only limited to volunteers who have a badge. Also at the State prison Spanish speaking meetings seem to be on the rise. At one unit there are as many as 20 peer led Spanish speaking meetings. They are requesting literature, and Spanish speaking volunteers. There are currently no Spanish speaking volunteers. Our recording secretary had to step down, because she moved away, thank you for your service Jan M. We received a call from a gal who moved into the area, and was looking to do corrections work, she agreed to take on the task. Thanks, Yours in Service, Dante Garcia TAII Corrections Coordinator.

**Treatment Committee: Pat S.** Our committee meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month at 6pm here at Central Office. Our next meeting is August 15<sup>th</sup> the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday **THIS MONTH ONLY!** We meet even months, every other month. **New Meeting Requests:** All meetings meet weekly unless indicated otherwise. Compass Detox 2950 N. Dodge Blvd:

Monday afternoons 4:30-5:30pm, Serene Life 11<sup>th</sup> Ave. and Ventura: Saturday evenings 7-8pm and Sunday mornings

9:30-10:30am. **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 and I will add your name to a list of those willing to be chairpersons

or fill in on a temporary basis. **Announcements:** CONVENTION: We will have a presence at the AZ State Convention, Labor Day weekend 8/30-9/1 at Casino Del Sol. 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 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:**

Stay Out of the Way Group and the Wednesday Night 12 X12 Group for picking up meetings at Compass Level II Detox facility! And too all groups 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! Feel free to contact me via email, [pmscott@asu.edu](mailto:pmscott@asu.edu), or by phone. Thank you for allowing me to be a part of General Service. Patrick S.

**CPC Committee: Dennis O.** We are still looking for more volunteers. And we are happy to report that the Tucson City Court is now being serviced by providing them contact information and literature.

**PI Committee : Barry G.** We are still coordinating the South Western Mental Health Professionals Conference and we need a group to volunteer for Wednesday night, August 21<sup>st</sup> at 7pm. Remember; everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend the conference, there will be people here from all over AZ. We are also pleased to report that the Pima Co. Probation Facilities are now being serviced by providing them contact information and literature.

**AA of the Air Committee:** no report

**Grapevine Committee:** no report

**Special Events Coordinator: Elizabeth T.** We are still looking for a group or groups to volunteer to develop the planning and host/chair the Christmas and New Years Alcohons.

# Minutes - Continued

**Spanish Liaison:** no report

**Vice Chair/ Area Liaison: John A.** Intergroup Reps, Some highlights of what's happening in District 11 (Pima County) of Area 03 (Arizona): •The planning for the 2013 State Convention in Tucson continues. Spread the word. Opportunities for service abound. Planning meetings are at 5:45-6:45pm on the third Thursdays at Central Office just before the District meeting. Registration available now online. •Convention scholarships are available: Julia M. at (949) 290-2465, Nicky M. at (520) 730-6023 or contact you group GSR. •The most recent District 11 meeting, held on June 20<sup>th</sup> at Central Office had reports from the sub-districts and officers – business as usual. •There are two remaining General Service Assemblies scheduled for this year, all in northern Arizona. •I attended the Post Conference Assembly in Phoenix, AZ on June 15<sup>th</sup>. Dave M., Panel 62 Delegate, Area 03 report (104 pages online at [www.area03.org](http://www.area03.org)); 3 panel (sub-committee) items discussed and defeated. John provided a copy of Box 459 Vol. 59, No. 2 / Summer 2013 as a recap. •Area 03 is conducting an inventory. I attended the June 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting at Central Office. •Our Area 03 delegate is planning a talk in Tucson on October 26<sup>th</sup>. (see Vicky L's. report in New Business)

**Al-Anon Liaison: Candy H.** We are looking for assistance with speakers. (a sign up sheet was passed around) And we are putting together a panel for the AZ State Convention w/the topic of Discovering Choices.

**New Business: Founders' Day Report:** The committee gave their report and a good time was had by all & it was a complete success. For further information please contact Elizabeth T. our special events chair.

**Project Gratitude Update:** John A. recaps our project mirrored off of Salt Lake City's financial growth initiative and we are continuing to go to meetings and thank them for supporting TALI through their financial contributions and encouraging them to have Intergroup Reps.

**Service Workshop:** Vicky L. invites all to the workshop that Sub-district 11-114 is providing to promote service work w/the headline speaker being our delegate. Date for the first organizational meeting TBA. We are hopeful to have varied committee members present to motivate volunteers to sign up. The event is planned for October 26<sup>th</sup> at Streams in the Desert Church. Participating in the planning committee will be a great way to learn about and experience the rewards of being of service. Our goal is to get people informed and excited about being a part of fellowship and service in AA.

**Special Needs Committee:** Cheryl F. has become aware that there is no standing Special Needs Committee/ Coordinator and I am sure that this would be a valuable resource for TALI. Group discussion deems that this is needed and too would be viable. Motion made and passed: Cheryl F. shall head an ADHOC Committee to determine the definitions and scope of a Special Needs Committee to serve the needs of TALI in carrying the message of AA.

**Old Business:** The Grapevine Committee Chair is still vacant. Elaine J. of Smoke Free Nooners submitted a letter of nomination stating that she is willing and able to take this vital position. Elaine has been attending the meetings since last fall and serving as the secretary since February 2013. Nomination was accepted and the vote was unanimous. Elaine J. is voted in as the new Grapevine Committee Chairperson.

**Adjournment:** Closed at 2:43pm with the Declaration of Unity and the Responsibility Statement. The next TALI meeting will be on August 11<sup>th</sup> at 1:30pm at Central Office.

## Arizona State Convention

August 30-September 1

CASINO DEL SOL

JOIN US FOR FUN, SOBRIETY  
AND FELLOWSHIP!

[conventionchair@area03.org](mailto:conventionchair@area03.org) or [conventionregistration@area03.org](mailto:conventionregistration@area03.org)





# AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

by: M.T.G.  
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<b>Morning Shades</b>		<b>A Safe Place for Women</b>	
Norm K	1 year	Flora C	14 years
Sean O	1 year	Marlee R	20 years
Don E	2 years		
Curt L	5 years	<b>801 Group</b>	
Suzie S	11 years	Lee G	3 years
Judy E	22 years		
		<b>Solutions Group</b>	
<b>Mountain Ave</b>		Jensen D	3 years
Peter G	38 years	Jack S	4 years
		Paul A	4 years
<b>Happy Destiny</b>		Joe P	5 years
Ashley G	1 year	Mel S	5 years
Rick A	11 years	Chris M	11 years
		Cindy P	17 years
<b>Freedom Group</b>		Wayne H	19 years
Mary M	23 years	Steve W	24 years
Bobbi P	30 years		
		<b>Our Daily Bread</b>	
		Pat S	20 years

insufferably well fed despite the poor AA diet she'd been given (according to my way of thinking) answered, "Why, this meeting was wonderful! That man, the fat one who told that joke--the one whose grammar wasn't so good--was the most eloquent speaker I've ever heard. When he said, 'It's the first drink that makes me drunk,' right away it made sense to me. You had said it, of course, but you had said so many things."

It gave me pause to think. And what I think now is that if the meeting seems poor, then my reception is poor. Something is wrong with me and I'd better find out what it is--but quick!

Later I became a *speaker*. I went hither and yon telling AAs and non-AAs what made AA tick, according to my notions. You can see, in a way, I haven't quit that. But being a speaker, I was always met with committees and great big banners with *welcome* on them. Later still, when I began to realize the insistent need to listen more and speak less, I visited still and there were no committees, no banners to welcome me. Why? I was still an AA member. I still needed all the friendliness I could get. Why was I getting the cold shoulder? What was the matter with

these people, these AA members, this group, this whole section of the country, in fact? Even in my own group, which was growing rapidly, I was embarrassed to find that some of the newer members didn't know me. Imagine! They'd come to get AA, but surely they ought to know me too!

Then I went on a 12th Step call. The gal was in a sanitarium. It was her fourth day and she was beginning to sit up and take notice. In fact, she was sitting up playing cards with three men when I got there. She tossed me a nod and went on playing. The gal gave me a glance after awhile and flung over her shoulder, "Down in Florida the AAs are really friendly. I went there for eight months. But here, why I went down here to six meetings and nobody ever spoke to me!"

I was aghast! I could understand how all the other AAs in our group might not have spoken to her but how did *I* (the great *I*) miss?

When she got drunk again as soon as she left the sanitarium and called me, she told me that she had gone to these meetings with a visiting physician and had refused to talk to anyone, other than to acknowledge introductions. She admitted that she had sullenly gone to those meetings daring anyone to speak to her, and if they did, she rebuffed them.

It made me realize that this welcome business is up to us as individuals. Welcome, if we want it, can be made. Have you ever known of an alcoholic who wanted a drink and couldn't find it? We can use that ingenuity in finding welcome. I can, that is, and when I don't, it is because I don't want it enough. It's up to me. How about you?

# CHANGES TO THE 'TERRESTRIAL BLUE' MEETING SCHEDULE



## Meeting Changes

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Big Book Workshop  
changed

From 6pm to 5:30 pm

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Casas Adobes Gratitude  
Group

All meetings are open  
Now meets at 7:00 PM

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Sisters in Sobriety

Now a closed (C) meeting  
and

is a literature meeting, not  
a discussion meeting

Page 15

Baisic AA will meet year  
round now

Page 58 (Oro Valley)

Women & The Steps

Urgent Care

13101 N Oracle Rd

(C) NS (WH) Discussion

Fri 9:30 am

## New Address

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Rincon Group

Unitarian Universalist  
Church

4831 E 22<sup>nd</sup> St (11)

## Update

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Quacks Like a Duck 12:15pm

Now meets in the 4<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Conference rm

**EXPERIENCE, STENGTH AND HOPE MON. 7:00 PM**

**SPEAKER SCHEDULE:  
TBD! COME OUT  
AND BE SURPRISED  
BY WHAT TUCSON AA  
HAS TO OFFER!**



Home groups can now sponsor  
A.A. Of the Air and help keep a  
powerful Tucson tradition alive!

Call Jim H. [520-248-1698](tel:520-248-1698) and get your  
group's spot for 2013. Months are  
booking up fast!!!

## Groups Represented at the July 2013

### Intergroup Meeting

Alanon Laison

Between the Tracks

Casas Adobes Gratitude

Courage to Change

801 Group

Foothills

Footloose

Freedom

Green Valley

Happy Destiny

Honest Open and Free

Morning Shades

Mountain Avenue Big Book

New Beginnings

Oro Valley Step Sisters

Our Daily Bread

Pre-weekenders

Smoke Free Nooners

Solutions

Spirit of Rotation

Stone Sober

Sunday Morning Eastside

Thursday Night AA

T G I F !

Wednesday Twelve Step Study

Group

Women's Solutions

## Group Contributions Thru June 2013

12 at 12.....	300.00	Mid Week Serenity.....	503.11
A Mountain.....	50.00	Mon Night Big Book.....	171.00
A Safe Place for Women.....	160.40	Morning Shades.....	300.00
AA Literature Study.....	25.00	Mountain Ave.....	509.00
ABC Group.....	475.00	New Beginnings.....	280.00
Amen Stag Group.....	101.00	Northside Group.....	125.00
Anonymous Group.....	759.25	Odds & Ends.....	162.50
Back Door Friends.....	121.50	Oro Valley Men's Stag.....	608.95
Basic AA.....	25.00	Oro Valley Step Sisters.....	93.76
Business & Professional Men....	1,100.00	Our Daily Bread.....	299.04
BYOB.....	5.00	Overton Sun AM.....	520.45
Campus Nooners.....	200.00	Pantano Group.....	92.00
Casas Adobes.....	250.00	Paths to Sobriety.....	150.00
Catalina Wed Night Mtg.....	104.50	Pre-Weekenders.....	33.00
Clean Air Group.....	190.00	Retired Professional's.....	40.00
Copper Valley.....	300.00	Rincon Group.....	300.00
Courage to Change.....	60.00	Sahuarita Brand New.....	80.00
Desert Drifters.....	120.00	Saturday Serenity Meeting.....	295.70
Dove Mountain Group.....	407.00	Smoke Free Nooner's.....	Contr.
Early Risers.....	136.00	Sober Sister.....	100.00
Eastside Nooners.....	140.00	Solutions Group.....	807.71
Eastside Sat AM'ers.....	310.00	Southside.....	712.50
El Sabado.....	240.00	Spiritual Kindergarten.....	150.00
Final Frontier.....	390.00	Step Sisters.....	160.00
Foothills Newcomers.....	500.00	Stone Sober.....	75.00
Forum Group.....	120.50	Sun Morn Eastside.....	11.02
Free To Be Me.....	80.00	Survivors Big Book.....	123.00
Freedom Group.....	140.00	SW Happy Hour.....	360.00
Fri Morning Fun Group.....	440.00	Tanque Verde Loop.....	222.65
Glum Lot Not.....	400.00	TGIF.....	260.00
Golf Links Group.....	350.50	Three Points.....	100.00
Good Life.....	100.00	Thurs 11th Step.....	150.00
GV El Sabado.....	240.00	Thurs Night AA.....	421.00
GV Fantastic Breakfast.....	160.00	Tubac Group.....	15.00
GV Lamplighters.....	322.00	Tucson Group.....	100.00
GV Men's Group.....	271.00	Tuesday Picture Rocks.....	25.00
GV Men Seeking Serenity.....	420.00	Twelve Stepping Sisters.....	251.53
GV Monday Noon Group.....	100.00	Under the Mesquite.....	100.00
GV Serenity.....	50.00	Vistoso Retreads.....	329.00
GV Sober Sisters.....	150.00	WACYCAA.....	2,154.69
GV Women in Sobriety.....	15.00	Way Out West.....	50.00
Happy Destiny.....	74.00	Weeknight Newcomers.....	720.00
Happy, Joyous & Free.....	100.00	West Ajo Big Book Study.....	100.00
Honest, Open & Free.....	758.00	Women's Solutions.....	316.00
Hopi Group.....	285.00	Women by the Book.....	500.00
Ironwood Hills.....	105.10	Women From the Heart.....	50.00
Late Nighters.....	57.97	Women of Hope.....	100.00
Lodestar of Hope.....	1,100.00	Women of Serenity.....	100.00
Men Seeking Guidance.....	752.31	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

### DCMC

Cyd B. 909-3862  
Alternate DCMC: Fred H. 370-2124  
TAIL 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 2nd Wednesday at 6:45 p.m.  
NW Alano Club 3120 W. Curtis Rd.  
DCM: Lana W. 270-0702

### 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 1st Wednesday 6 p.m.  
At Central Office  
DCM: Aaron M. 358-5072

### Green Valley District 11-119

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