

JUST FOR TODAY



Unity. Service. Recovery



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TUCSON AREA INTERGROUP INC.

Sept. 2014

OUR THREE LEGACIES SEPTEMBER

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Step nine: (Recovery)

Made direct amends to such people wherever possible, except when to do so would injure them or others.

Tradition nine: (Unity)

AA, as such, ought never be organized; but we may create service boards or committees directly responsible to those they serve.

Concept nine: (Service)

Good service leadership at all levels is indispensable for our future functioning and safety. Primary world service leadership, once exercised by the founders, must necessarily be assumed by the trustees.



"my mom saved my life"

"My mom saved my life," Hector said. He was standing high above us in the pulpit at Tucson's beautiful historic Spanish-colonial-designed San Augustine Cathedral, giving a eulogy for his mother Maria Elena. Twenty-five years ago, no one would ever have imagined that this man would mature in AA to become a pillar of his church, a well-respected health-care professional, and the lead caretaker for his mother for the past ten years.

I saw him when he came in. He got the same sponsor I did. We went to AA Roundups together, meetings, coffee afterward, and even 12th Step Calls. We were definitely people who would not mix, but we both have a bigger-than-life sense of humor and we loved getting sober.

I'd been listening to Hector tell his story in AA for more than two decades, and I wish I had a dollar for every time I heard him start with, "My mother saved my life." And it's true—no doubt about it. If she had not begged, cried, and persisted, Hector would be back in that park by the railroad yard, pitching in change with the rest of the poor souls to buy a bottle of Mad Dog or Thunderbird.

Hector's dad was an auto-body man and a musician, and was well-loved by everyone in the bars in the barrio. Hector wanted to be just like him: the life of the party, charming ladies' man, and all-around rogue. But as a young man Hector had to watch his father die a painful death of cirrhosis of the liver.

By 1989, Hector got his wish; he was just like his dad. So his mom cried every night and begged him to stop drinking. She told Hector she couldn't stand to lose him like she'd lost her husband, and when he wasn't too drunk (or especially if he was hung over) he knew she was right.

Finally, he couldn't take it any more, his guilt got the best of him, and he told her he would go to AA. She said, "I'm going with you," and took him to a little neighborhood chapel, San Cosme, where there was a meeting. Hector said, "I thought she had told the priest how I acted and he was saying everything that I had done—I thought it was a set up." But Hector kept going,

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

AA of the Air
Contact: Open

Cooperation with the Professional Community
Contact: Jim W. 730-8773

Public Information
Contact: Open

Treatment
Contact: Steven H. 409-3088

Corrections
Contact: Ted M. 907-7531

Grapevine
Contact: Elaine J. 241-4099

Events
Contact: Elizabeth T. 744-3327

Special Needs
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Miscellaneous Income For June 2014

Received from meetings
@ Central Office\$695.15
Personal Contributions\$899.00

TOTAL \$1,594.15

Central Office News

The next Intergroup meeting will be Sunday, September 14th, 2014 @ 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 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 July 2014

Info: 312
12 step: 41
Web Visits: 5,413
New Visits: 44.10%

Treasurer's Report July 2014

Total Available Funds.....	\$22,440.08
Income.....	\$11,989.58
Cost of Goods Sold.....	(3,046.35)
Gross Profit.....	8,943.23
Total Expenses.....	8,037.93
Net Income/Loss.....	(905.30)

Current available funds for operation total \$22,440.08 which is 46% of our 'Prudent Reserve' of \$48,050.00

P.Y.M.W.Y.M.I. July 2014

Anonymous X2, David M x2, Elizabeth T, John K, Katrina S, Lynne L, Mark A, Michael J, Fernando R, Mick C, Bill N, Valerie C, Hal V, Nancy R x2, Mary F, Joyce F.

Tucson Area Intergroup, Inc. (TAII) Committee Meeting Minutes – August 10, 2014

Nancy S. called meeting to order at 1:30PM with Serenity Prayer, Preamble, TAIL Purpose and Ground Rules being read. **New Intergroup Reps:** Don T. of the Courage to Change Group, Ellie S. of the Sunday Night Young People's Group and Melissa M. of the Between the Tracks Group and Mike M. of the Vistoso Retreads Meeting were all introduced.

Secretary's Report: Mark K. Minutes passed w/corrections.

Treasurer's Report: Reggie T. The reserve \$22,440.08 which is 46% of the prudent reserve of \$48,050.00.

Administrative Subcommittee: Nancy S. Items we discussed will be covered during this meeting.

Central Office: Reggie T. There is 1 shift open on the Home Answering Service: the 2nd Tues 5:30-10PM. Thanks to Nancy R. for cleaning out the old files in the shed. We need plastic shopping bags please, we use them regularly. AA World Services announced it will be raising prices for literature Oct 1st and we raise ours accordingly. Be sure and complete and return the "Group Update Forms". We are getting prices for printing the, "*Meeting in a Pocket*".

Corrections Committee: Ted M. We are always looking for donations of soft-cover AA literature, including Grapevines. There is a great opportunity for service via inmate correspondence, contact me for details. We still need male and female volunteers to help with a meeting at the Pima County Juvenile Detention Center (JDC). The Red Rock Corrections Center inmates have asked that a meeting be brought to them. Contact Jack W. 906-4888 for application & clearance forms. Contact Dante 975-6043 if you are interested in serving the Bridge the Gap program for newly released persons. Our committee is going to start utilizing electronic communications and will start meeting quarterly.

Treatment Committee: Steve H. We are in need of home groups to commit to taking meetings into treatment facilities. Contact me if you are interested in having your name on the volunteer list. Please contact me if you can not keep your commitment so we can keep the meetings active.

CPC/PI Committee: Jim W./Barry G. Barry G. resigns his position as PI Chairperson. HOPE Inc. has requested AA material for distribution. We have been invited to the UofA El Rio Neighborhood Center Fair on Sept 20th. We are working on securing a table at the MADD 5K Walk on Sept 21st. San Xavier Mission is hosting a Health Fair on Sept 27th.

AA of the Air Committee: no report

Grapevine Committee: Greg G. Amy will be chairperson for the Grapevine Writing Workshop Sat, Oct 4th from 10AM-2PM at St. James United Methodist Church, look for the flyers. To keep expenses down participants are asked to bring their own brown bag lunches. Be sure and contact us if you know anyone who has had their story published in the Grapevine.

Special Needs/ Accessibilities Committee: Chris G. We meet at 10AM on the 4th Sat of each month at Central Office. We are committed to being of service to those with special needs to attend and participate meetings. Contact Chris G.

Spanish Liaison: Alex H. I am making contact with the Spanish Intergroup Office. Contact me at 661-6773 w/ideas & info.

Vice Chair/ Area Liaison: Kermie W. Contact Kermie if interested in serving the Loners International Members (LIM) in reaching out to military service members or the home bound. 160,000 copies of the 75th Anniversary Edition of the Big Book have been sold to date. 35 million Big Books have been sold since its first publication. GSO is changing the wording in the Treasurer's Report from "donations" to "contributions" as donate has no implied participation, contribution encourages participation within the organization. There is a new Translation Coordinator position (Ad Hoc) for translating all flyers into Spanish. If you are interested in helping or wish your flyer to be translated contact Sarah VP at 400-2456. The video, "*Making the Journey*" is available for \$10 and a new pamphlet on spirituality will be out this fall. Registration for the AA International Convention in Atlanta GA, July 2-5, 2015 will open in Sept. Kermie's full report from the Pacific Regional Forum in Boise ID is available at Central Office.

Special Events Coordinator Liaison: Elizabeth T. TGIF volunteers to chair the Christmas Alcothon. We still need a group or groups to chair the New Years Alcothon. Contact me if interested.

AI-Anon Liaison: no report

Old Business: Possibly having Kati F., the Area 03 Delegate, share her General Service Conference Report at TAIL has been tabled till next month. NOTE: Kathi will be presenting her report to District 11-114 on Sun, Sept 28th at 1:30PM Location TBA.

New Business: 1) The PI (Public Information) Chairperson position is open and needs filled. 2) There is a Board Member at Large position which need filled. 3) The Administrative Subcommittee will discuss the proposal to form a Remote Communities Committee at their next meeting. 4) Motion made and passed to contribute 50 bottles of water to the GV Committee for their workshop.

Area 03 Remote Communities Coordinator: Cyd B. While in my service rotation I have been fortunate enough to be of service to and gain information from many AA members throughout the US and Canada. I am proposing that TAIL establish a Remote Communities Committee. Remote Communities includes not simply the challenges of geographical location, but also includes cultural, physical, language or any other barriers of attendance and participation in AA meetings. Be sure to check out www.Area03.org under "*committees*" for information and ideas. There is also information available for AA meetings via conference calls, which has proven to be a viable life saving and life changing tool in the outskirts communities of Alaska and Canada. Remote Communities can overlap with Special Needs, CPC/PI, Corrections and Bridge the Gap programs and this gives us all a chance to engage in team work and cohesiveness in our own recovery. Remember: We were put here to be of service through carrying the message of AA. Nobody should have to be alone in AA.

Announcement: Thanks is given to Barry G. for all his service to AA, TAIL and PI.

Adjournment: Closed at 2:57PM with the Responsibility Statement and Declaration of Unity. The next TAIL meeting will be on September 14th at 1:30PM at Central Office.

and his mother kept going with him. There was a new meeting place in the old part of Tucson, an aged adobe store with narrow windows just below the ceiling. It didn't take long before the whole room would fill up with cigarette smoke so thick it made your eyes tear up.

This was no "silk shirt" meeting up in the foothills. Some of the regulars were guys living at the Salvation Army, or just out of the LARC (government-funded rehab). The language was rough, and no one from there was going to win "Tucson's Best Dressed Man" award. Hector said he was embarrassed for his mom to be there, but she was stubborn and would not stop going with him. After about sixty days, Hector said he was okay now and she didn't have to go with him. Nope, she didn't trust him yet. So now his older sisters had to be his babysitters and go to meetings with him!

Eventually, they got the idea that Hector was serious about staying sober, and they left him alone. He got a sponsor, worked the steps, and started working with others. He loved the meetings and the fellowship, and to this day he has the most infectious laugh of anyone I've ever met in AA. It's loud, hearty, and free, right from the gut. Hector didn't laugh so much when his mom got sick, but he put the same kind of focus and determination into her care as he did with the program. It was his way of paying her back for all the grief he had caused her, and for his dad's illness too. Maria Elena lost a husband to alcoholism, but her faith and determination saved her son.

It was fitting that Hector would start his eulogy that way, among his many family members and his even larger adopted AA family. He still says it in meetings, and I agree with him completely. Hector's mom saved his life—and so, of course, did his Higher Power and AA.
-Jim T.

Group Spotlight

RETIRED PROFESSIONALS

Every Wednesday @ 7:30 pm at Central Office

This is a men's stag meeting that focuses on readings from the Big Book and includes a short period of meditation at the start. This group of guys started getting together in one of their back yards 6 years ago, talking recovery around a fire. On a camping trip together, a passing stranger asked for help opening a beer bottle. The guys shrugged, probably opened his beer with their teeth and when he asked if they wanted to partake, one of the fellows said "Nah, we're retired professionals." So their name was born and in the years they've been together they've grown into a vibrant joyous group of guys.

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Southside

Jorge P. Jr 1 year
 Dennis T 1 year
 Dave M 1 year
 Jeffery W 1 year
 Frank G 2 years
 Patrick R 2 years
 Anthony R 3 years
 Lena D 4 years
 Daniel L 5 years
 Belinda Z 7 years
 Rob K 8 years
 Efrain A 10 years
 Lindsay M 13 years
 Robert R 14 years
 Paul W 15 years
 Allen S 20 years
 Phil P 28 years
 Eileen T 30 years
 Dick M 35 years

Our Daily Bread

Michele J 2 years

SW Happy Hour

Martine R 1 year
 Richard R 4 years
 Cooter H 25 years

Mountain Ave Big Book

Bill G 24 years

Hopi Group

Jim D 29 years

A Safe Place for Women

Jane B 7 years
 Chris S 25 years

801 Group

Megan B 1 year
 Chuck M 20 years

WORD SEARCH

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FIND THESE WORDS!

AMEND GROUP FAULT GOD TRUST WORKS MEET
 SHARE DRINK

Groups Represented at the August 2014 Intergroup Meeting

Between the Tracks
 Courage to Change
 District 11-000
 Eastside Nooners
 Free Spirit
 Happy Destiny

Honest Open and Free
 Jaywalkers
 Little House 3.0
 Mountain Avenue Big Book
 New Beginnings for Women
 Odds 'N' Ends Group
 Oro Valley Step Sisters
 Our Daily Bread
 Overton Sunday Morning
 Right Place

Rincon
 Smoke Free Nooners
 Stone Sober
 Sunday Morning Eastside
 Sunday Night Young Peoples
 T G I F!
 TIAG
 Twelve Stepping Sisters
 Vistoso Retreads
 Wednesday Twelve Step Study

CHANGES TO THE 'PULSAR PINK' MEETING SCHEDULE



Deleted Meetings

All the 6:45 Morning Meetings

Mon-Sat

At 840 S 6th Ave

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Big Book Study Meeting

Monday @ 7:00pm

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Stay to Play

Wed 7 pm

Little House 3.0

Wed 7:15 pm

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Late Night Meeting

10:30 pm

New Meetings

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Tucson Old Town Mtg

Sunday @ 10:00am

(O)(NS)Disc.

NW Alano Club

3120 W. Curtis (05)

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Faith not Fear Group

Faith Christian Fellowship

Church

3141 W Ironwood Hills Dr (45)

(O) NS (WH) Discussion

Wednesday 6 pm

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*Nogales

The Drifters

St Andrews Episcopal Church

969 W Country Club Drive

(O) NS (WH) 12 & 12

Monday 7:00 pm

Address Changes

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Grupo 4 De Enero

2241 N. Oracle Rd #2(05)

Sunday @ 9:00am-10:30am

Monday thru Saturday @ 7:30

pm

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Grupo Los Surenos

354 E. Bilby(06)

Weds, Thurs, & Friday @ 7:30pm

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Grupo Un Lagar Para Ti

2517 N Stone(05)

Tues, Thurs, Sat, & Sun @ 7:30pm

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Grupo Recuperacion

1135 Circulo Mercado #3 Rio Rico

(85648)

Monday-Friday @ 7:30pm

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Saturday at 3:00 pm

Great Spirit Meeting

Moved to

Tuesday @ 7:00 pm

Time Changes

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Sober Saturday

Was 4:00 pm now 5:30 pm

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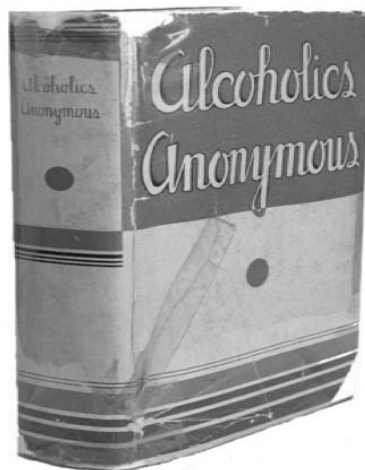
Big Book Thumper's

Was 6:00 pm now 6:30 pm

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Wednesday Night Candlelight

Moved from 8:00 pm to 7:15 pm



GRAPEVINE

WORKSHOP

Saturday Oct. 4, 2014

7:00 pm

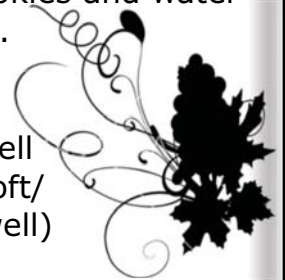
St. James United Methodist

3255 N. Campbell

Learn how to write an article to get published. Panel speakers who have had the honor.

Brown bag lunch/BYOL
Coffee, cookies and water provided.

(Bus Route
#15 Campbell
#34 Craycroft/
Ft. Lowell)



Some kind soul made a contribution to central office anonymously of \$3000.00. We sincerely appreciate the support, it allows us to better aid AA in Tucson. For that and all everyone does...Thank you!



Group Contributions thru July 2014

911 Group.....	200.00	Odds & Ends.....	50.00
A Safe Place for Women.....	46.88	Oro Valley Men's Stag.....	500.00
AA Meeting of Hope.....	40.00	Oro Valley Step Sisters.....	149.79
ABC Group.....	123.56	Our Daily Bread.....	304.05
Airport Area.....	120.00	Overton Sunday AM.....	1,434.37
Ajo.....	60.00	Picture Rocks Tuesday Night.....	100.00
Anonymous Group.....	387.25	Pre-Weekenders.....	335.00
Arivaca Group.....	25.00	Rincon Group.....	300.00
Back Door Friends.....	328.98	Safe Place for Women.....	101.01
Back Room Group.....	100.00	Sahuarita Big Book.....	50.00
Between the Tracks.....	80.85	Sahuarita Brand New.....	80.00
Big Book Study Meeting.....	230.00	Saturday Serenity Meeting.....	350.00
Business & Professional Men.....	750.00	Saving Our Souls Group.....	200.00
Campus Nooners.....	200.00	Serenity Group.....	25.00
Casas Adobes Meeting.....	25.00	Smile Group.....	100.00
Cat Mountain.....	50.00	Smoke Free Nooner's.....	Contr.
Catalina Wed. Night Mtg.....	78.00	Sober Roadrunners.....	60.00
Clean Air Group.....	454.00	Solutions Group.....	850.25
Copper Mountain.....	300.00	Spiritual Kindergarten.....	100.00
Courage to Change.....	20.00	Stay Out of The Way.....	32.68
Desert Drifters.....	330.00	Step Sisters.....	92.87
Early Risers.....	145.00	Stone Sober.....	1,196.58
Eastside Sat. AM'er.....	390.00	Sun Morn Eastside.....	735.00
Enchanted Hills.....	5.00	Survivors Big Book.....	210.00
End of Hope.....	42.05	TACYCAA.....	96.91
Final Frontier.....	432.00	Tanque Verde Loop Group.....	297.00
Foothills Newcomer.....	500.00	TGIF.....	165.53
Forum Mtg.....	181.00	The Right Place.....	50.00
Founders Path.....	600.00	Three Points.....	150.00
Free to Be Me.....	150.00	Thurs 11th Step.....	174.00
Freedom Group.....	40.00	Thurs Night AA Group.....	385.46
Friday Morning Fun Group.....	410.00	Tubac Group.....	197.13
Get a Life Group.....	110.00	Tucson Into Action.....	6.00
Glum Lot Not.....	225.00	Twelve at Twelve.....	500.00
Golf Links Group.....	123.00	Twelve Stepping Sisters.....	87.33
GV Fantastic Breakfast.....	200.00	Under the Mesquite.....	207.00
GV Happy Hour.....	180.00	Vale Serenity Meeting.....	40.00
GV Lamplighters.....	200.00	Vistoso Retreads.....	404.38
GV Men's Group.....	240.00	Way out West.....	102.00
GV Men Seeking Serenity.....	350.00	We R 4 God.....	50.00
GV Monday Noon Group.....	80.00	Weekday Nooners Benson.....	200.00
GV Sober Sisters.....	100.00	Weeknight Newcomers Group....	532.15
GV Women in Sobriety.....	20.00	West Ajo Big Book Study.....	100.00
Happy Hour.....	180.00	Westside Primary Purpose.....	211.67
Happy, Joyous & Free.....	50.00	Women's Solutions.....	275.00
Honest, Open & Free.....	306.74	Women By the Book.....	221.00
Hopi Group.....	451.00	Women from the Heart.....	200.00
Ironwood Hills.....	180.00	Women in Sobriety.....	20.00
Little House 3.0.....	145.00	Women of Serenity.....	100.00
Lodestar of Hope.....	500.00	Women Who Weren't	
Men Seeking Guidance.....	746.43	Born Yesterday.....	625.00
Men Seeking Serenity.....	420.00		
Men's Stag.....	20.00		
Mid-week Serenity.....	300.00		
Midday Meeting.....	437.00		
Monday Night Bill W 12 step.....	100.00		
Monday Noon Group.....	100.00		
More Shall be Revealed.....	246.50		
Morning Shades.....	299.89		
Northside Group.....	100.00		

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 Wednesday (even months)
6 p.m. at Central Office

Corrections Committee

Meets 3rd Saturday (odd months)
at 10:30 a.m. at Central Office
New volunteer orientation 9:30

Grapevine Committee

1st Sunday Monthly
2 p.m. at Central Office

DCMC

Fred H. 370-2124

TAII Liaison: Kermie W. 503-975-9746

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: AJB 360-8805

Central District 11-111

Meets 2nd Wednesday at 6:45 p.m.
610 E. Delano #103 Stone Sober
DCM: Mare M. 310-8853

Eastern District 11-114

Meets 3rd Wednesday at 6 p.m.
Eastside City Hall, 7575 E. Speedway
DCM: Derrick E. 626-485-1471

Southwest District 11-115

Meets 1st Wednesday 6 p.m.
At Central Office

DCM: Hollis W. 302-8533

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: Dan F. 971-520-1398

Spanish Linguistic District 11-122

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

DCM: Adolfo R. 443-1585

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