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TUCSON AREA INTERGROUP INC.

June 2020

## OUR THREE LEGACIES JUNE

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### STEP SIX

*Were entirely ready to have  
God remove all these defects  
of character.*

### TRADITION SIX

*An A.A. group ought never  
endorse, finance, or lend the  
A.A. name to any related  
facility or outside enterprise,  
lest problems of money,  
property, and prestige divert  
us from our primary  
purpose.*

### CONCEPT SIX

*The Conference recognizes  
that the chief initiative and  
active responsibility in most  
world service matters should  
be exercised by the trustee  
members of the  
Conference acting as the  
General Service Board.*

## Step 6: Ready and Willing

"This is the Step that separates the men from the boys." I read this quote from the *12 and 12* long before I did the Steps and took offense to the statement. I was like that before the Steps: undisciplined, arrogant, closed-minded or, in other words, restless, irritable and discontent. I took everything personally and begrudged everyone. By the time I had become able to read and somewhat understand the *12 and 12* the physical compulsion was removed. However, I was unaware of how an obsession of the mind worked in my head. The pain and agony I forced upon myself in sobriety was great; self-manufacturing physical pain and depression, isolating, chasing other vices, all manufactured from self because of the lack of morals. I had not grasped the idea that the Steps will remove obsession and replace it with altruism.

I had gone to many Step meetings and heard lengthy dialog on the deep meaning of the quote along with discussions of "will God actually pull these things from me?" I wondered if I would feel anything when the defects were removed and gave much ado about which defects I would allow to be taken. Other arguments I started were: "some of the defects (fear) are good to have," or "my personality thus far has allowed me success," and "I am still capable of finding relationships (even though they were fair-weather relationships)." Thank God there were patient, tolerant and loving men in the program who had done the Steps as outlined in the Big Book and who let me rant and rave. I have since learned they had walked the same path as me and I now "try" to emulate those morals they taught me.

As mentioned, the pain of a "dry drunk" was so intense, I finally pulled up my bootstraps and set to work. I finally agreed that the "Doctor's Opinion" described me and there was no cure except the Spiritual one as outlined in the Big Book. I set aside the *12 and 12* and set out to follow the instruction of someone who had the experience of completing this process. In Step 5 we identified my defects and how I let them rule my thinking, creating all my obsessions.

I cannot express with words the feeling of being freed from the bondage of self. All the years of a miserable existence washed away. I no longer had to dwell on past hurts, fall into morbid reflection, worry of what others thought of me. The first 100 described it this way: "we are delighted." My friend told me I looked and

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# Central Office News

## Join Us For Great Service Opportunities!

### Bridge the Gap

Contact: Juliet M. 730-3307

### Cooperation with the Professional Community

Contact: Janet H. (847) 275-9614

### Public Information

Contact: Karrie T. (815) 354-6382

### Treatment

Contact: Terry B. 271-4732

### Corrections

Contact: Tom C. 428-9431

### Grapevine

Contact: B.J. 329-8036

### Events

Contact: John A. (520) 271-8183

### Historical

Contact: Alan S. 400-2738

### ASCYPAA

1st and 3rd Sundays

2:00 pm at Central Office

Contact: Lauren 343-0268

### JFT Stuffing

Contact: Jim H. 271-8006

### Just for Today Editor

Contact: Maureen H.

info@aatucson.org

### Central Office

840 S. Campbell Ave.

Tucson, AZ 85719

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The next Intergroup meeting will be on Sunday, June 14, 2020 at 1:30 PM. Look on website aatucson.org and click on Calendar for Zoom instructions.

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 Jim 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.

At this point, all changes to the Sky Blue Meeting Schedule are on hold. Check with aatucson.org and click on Calendar for meeting information.

### Phone Calls & Web Visits

May 2020

Calls for Information: 237

12 Step Calls: 32

### Treasurer's Report: May 2020

<b>Total Operating Funds</b> .....	\$	<b>66,035.67</b>
Income.....	\$	5,204.70
Cost of Goods Sold .....	\$	973.75
Gross Profit.....	\$	11,044.59
Total Expenses.....	\$	5,839.89
<b>Net Income/Loss</b> .....	\$	<b>5,204.70</b>

Current available funds for operating total \$66,035.67 which is equal to 6.36 months operating expenses. The savings account holding our prudent reserve is \$15,574.55 (15% of annual budget).

### Miscellaneous Income

Received from meetings at Central Office (rent).....	\$	514.99
Personal contributions .....	\$	5,405.06
Just for Today .....	\$	0.00
Special Events .....	\$	12.00
<b>Total</b>	\$	<b>5,932.05</b>

### P.Y.M.W.Y.M.I MAY 2020

Elizabeth T, Michael J, John K, Reggie T,  
Anonymous X1, BJ & Bill B, Ronda C, David M, Bob H,  
Elizabeth T, Noreen L, Lynne L, Mark D, Mick C, Judith V

### 24-HOUR HOTLINE & MEETING INFORMATION

520 - 624 - 4183

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1. **Meeting was called to order at 1:32 pm.**
2. **New Intergroup Representatives** – none present
3. **Officer's Reports**
  - A. **Secretary's Report** – Mike S. for Shantaye M. (technical difficulties)
  - B. **Treasurer's Report** – Brian H. As of April 30th current funds \$66,035.67 equal to 6.7 months operating expense. Income and expenses both down for the month and prudent reserve is at capacity.
4. **Committee Reports**
  - A. **Central Office** – Jim W. Payroll taxes are paid and Quickbooks has been reconciled. There are 3 home answering shifts open; please call central office for training if interested. Special thanks to all who continue to support Intergroup during these uncertain times. Special thanks to Maureen H. for a great Just for Today newsletter. Central office remains closed at present due to current circumstance with the ongoing pandemic.
  - B. **Corrections** – No report
  - C. **Bridge the Gap** – No report
  - D. **Treatment** – No Report
  - E. **Public Information (PI) /Cooperation with Professional Community (CPC)** – No report
  - F. **Grapevine** – No report
  - G. **Events Coordinator** – John A. Foothills Newcomer group and Glad We Are All Here group will chair the Christmas Alcothon. New Years Alcothon still needs a sponsor.
  - H. **Historian** – Alan S. Grapevine writers workshop on writing group history canceled due to current circumstances; there will inevitably be a delay in group histories due to this. Interviews continue as able of other Tucson committees for the new book *Marks on the Gate*. Current history of Tucson AA and Covid-19 to be added at a later time.
  - I. **Monthly City-Wide Speaker Meeting** – No report
  - J. **Homebound Exploratory Committee** – No report
5. **Liaison Reports**
  - A. **Spanish Speaking Liaison** – No report; position is open
  - B. **Area Liaison/Vice Chair** – Laura M. Position is open
  - C. **AI-Anon Liaison** – No report; position is open
6. **Old Business** – Continuation of Elections: Spanish-Speaking Liaison
7. **New Business** – New Secretary Maureen A. nominated, graciously accepted and approved. Per sub-committee vote, Founders Day has been unfortunately canceled at present due to ongoing circumstances with Covid-19.
8. **Intergroup Representative announcements** – Currently Tucson Area Intergroup is hosting its monthly meeting on Zoom. If you are a committee chairperson, group representative, or individual and would like to attend please visit [aatucson.org](http://aatucson.org) and click on the calendar link. There you will find the Zoom information for the meeting.
9. **Adjournment with Declaration of Unity and then I am Responsible at 2:12 pm.**

## Home Groups at the May 2020 Intergroup Meeting

Courage to Change

Friday Morning Fun Group

Golf Links

Honest Open and Free

Hopi Group

Morning Shades

Odds & Ends

Our Daily Bread

Rincon

Solutions

Southside

Twelve at Twelve

Women's Solutions Group

# Updates to the "Sky Blue" Schedule

Due to meeting suspensions,  
the "Sky Blue" schedule  
is currently incorrect and will be updated when  
meetings resume their regular schedules.

## Third Legacy

**Tucson Area Intergroup, Inc.**  
Meets 2nd Sunday Monthly  
1:30 pm at Central Office

**DCMC** Johnnie W. 520-907-1779  
Alternate: Jo S. 520-869-8678  
TAlI Liaison: Laura M. 520-322-0462

**CPC & PI Committee**  
Meets 4th Wednesday Monthly  
5:30 pm at Central Office

**District 11-000 Pima County**  
Meets 3rd Thursday Monthly  
7:00 pm at Central Office  
All GSRs and DCMs have a  
voice and a vote at this meeting.

**Treatment Center Committee**  
Meets 2nd Tuesday Monthly  
5:30 pm at Central Office

**Northwest 11-110 & Southwest 11-115**  
Meets 2nd Wednesday @ 6:00 pm  
NW Alano Club, 3120 W.Curtis Rd.  
DCM: Jo S. 520-869-8678

**Corrections Committee**  
Meets quarterly, 3rd Saturday  
January, April, July, October  
10:30 am at Central Office  
New volunteer orientation @ 9:30

**Central Sub-District 11-111**  
Meets 2nd Wednesday @ 6:45 pm  
610 E. Delano #103 Stone Sober  
DCM: Cory S. 520-507-0486

**Grapevine Committee**  
Meets 1st Sunday Monthly  
2:00 pm at Central Office

**Eastern Sub-District 11-114**  
Meets 3rd Wednesday @ 6:00 pm  
Eastside City Hall, 7575 Speedway  
DCM: Rick D. 520-336-6053

**Historical Committee**  
Meets 1st Saturday Monthly  
11:00 am at Central Office  
Alan S. 520-400-2738

**Sub-District 11-119**  
Meets 2nd Thursday @ 6:00 pm  
St. Francis Episcopal Church  
600 S. La Canada, Green Valley  
DCM: Jeffrey S. 520-822-7582

**JFT Stuffing and Mailing**  
Last Saturday Monthly  
9:00 am at Central Office  
Jim H. 271-8006

**Spanish Sub-District 11-122**  
Meets first Monday @ 7:30 pm  
Next door to "Grupo 4 de enero"  
2241 N. Oracle Rd. #4, Tucson AZ  
DCM: Ingeborg H. 520-622-5112

**Bridge the Gap Committee**  
Meets 1st Sunday Monthly  
4:00 pm at Rincon Market  
2518 E. 6th St., Tucson AZ

**Homebound Committee**  
Meets 2nd Sunday Monthly  
3:00 pm at Central Office  
Central Office: 520-882-7422

**Join us  
for service work!**

# JUNE

# BIRTHDAYS!

### Morning Shades

Erin N.	1 year
Natashia H.	1 year
Sam L.	1 year
Ricky G.	1 year
Leonard T.	2 years
Laura V.	2 years
Jim L.	3 years
Quinn F.	3 years
Jason N.	3 years
Dan Double D.	8 years
Mario M.	11 years
Joycejean	17 years
Jay S.	26 years
Dot K.	26 years
Hector J.	31 years
Arwen B	34 years
Alan S.	35 years

### Courage to Change

Don T.	7 years
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### Freedom Group

Bruce F.	37 years
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## THANK YOU

**Home Answering Service  
Volunteers !**

**Your service is  
appreciated !**



# Group Contributions through May 2020

11th Step Meditation Meeting	25.00	GV Monday Noon Group	50.00	Smoke Free Nooners	300.00
12th Step Message & Principles	200.00	GV Beginners Living Sober	350.00	Sober Road Runners	45.10
22nd Street Loop Group	219.16	GV Fantastic Breakfast	272.80	Solution on Sunday	158.00
801 Group	370.00	GV Happy Hour Group	65.00	Solutions Group	1,525.00
A Safe Place For Women	175.60	GV Miracle Group	73.00	Something Less Stuffy	100.00
AA Womens Conference	500.00	GV MORNING GROUP	647.60	Southside	100.00
Ajo Group	60.00	GV Nooners	200.00	Step Sisters	700.00
Amen Stag	269.50	GV Serenity Seekers	432.86	Stone Sober	689.37
As Bill Leads it	50.00	GV Sober Sisters	70.00	Sunday Morning AA Group	104.12
Back Door Friends	100.00	Hear Ye Hear Ye	20.00	TGIF	376.80
Between the Tracks	305.00	Honest, Open & Free	300.00	The Forum	67.67
Big Book Scholars	195.00	Hopi Group	405.00	Three Points	50.00
By the Book	210.00	Houghton Sunset	300.00	Tubac AA Group	248.70
Campus Newcomers	687.50	Ironwood Hills Grp	295.00	Tucson Group	50.00
Campus Nooners	171.80	Little House	40.00	Tucson Men's	150.00
Catalina Wednesday Night Mtg	75.00	Midday Meeting	100.00	Twelve and Twelve	120.00
Clean Air Group	300.00	Morning Awakening	28.83	Twelve at Twelve	1,050.00
Copper Valley Group	150.00	Morning Shades	699.81	Twelve Stepping Sisters	226.35
Courage to Change Group	15.00	Northside Group	150.00	Upon Awakening	656.80
Dove Mountain Group	175.40	Oro Saturday Serenity Group	450.00	Vistoso Retreads	365.06
Eastside Nooners	841.00	OV Happy, Joyous & Free	200.00	Wed 12 Step Study	266.03
Eastside Sat AM'ers	100.00	Oro Valley Men's Stag	600.00	Westside Primary Purpose	115.00
Eastside Sunday AM	100.00	Oro Valley Step Sisters	50.00	Women's Solutions	390.00
Emotional Sobriety thru 12 steps	113.00	OV Survivors Big Book Group	232.50	Women from the Heart	128.28
Foothills Newcomers	650.00	Our Daily Bread	146.80	Women Of Serenity	50.00
Free at Last	483.34	Recovery in Progress	198.00	Women Who Weren't Born Yesterday	800.00
Get A Life	150.00	Rincon Group	291.00		
Golf Links Group	309.00	Sahuarita Monday Nite BB	75.00		
Good Life	318.28	Smile Group	350.00		
				<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$23,244.06</b>

## Updates on meetings in Tucson due to COVID-19

The Coronavirus is a fluid situation and information is constantly changing. We will do our best to provide the most up-to-date meeting information available on our website, [aatucson.org](http://aatucson.org). And, please, remember the website is run by volunteers. We ask for your patience in this unique situation.

**Visit [aatucson.org](http://aatucson.org)  
Meetings Page  
for listings of  
local, online meetings.**



***"I came to A.A. in order to stop drinking; what I received in return was my life."***

*— Alcoholics Anonymous, p.327*

# WORD SEARCH

CAN YOU FIND THESE STEP 6 WORDS?

ENTIRELY	Z	O	F	Z	V	Y	N	A	A	I	H	A	O	G	E	L	E	V
READY	I	L	S	N	A	W	L	Z	I	C	P	W	X	M	B	M	M	X
REMOVE	N	W	T	I	D	A	O	V	R	X	X	E	V	L	W	Z	F	H
DEFECTS	U	H	A	U	Y	M	T	A	B	B	I	E	S	D	C	I	O	K
CHARACTER	C	S	Z	O	N	I	M	I	T	G	K	R	E	H	Z	J	L	R
ARCH	O	E	E	W	I	S	H	N	M	A	D	F	A	Q	E	G	L	A
WILLING	S	N	D	F	L	W	I	K	Z	D	E	R	P	V	J	X	A	V
ADMIT	F	T	K	R	U	N	H	V	S	C	A	E	O	K	H	T	E	E
FREE	J	I	Q	G	F	L	T	D	T	C	B	M	R	J	U	B	X	A
REVIEW	W	R	G	I	A	H	N	S	T	R	E	N	G	T	H	C	N	O
USEFULNESS	F	E	V	N	F	I	R	E	P	R	L	U	P	C	B	Q	Y	J
STRENGTH	O	L	I	H	I	W	R	Z	S	S	X	K	Q	Z	L	F	R	L
ALL OF ME	A	Y	J	V	J	L	K	D	I	S	A	B	K	F	R	E	R	N
	S	O	D	G	E	H	L	G	O	I	F	X	B	B	A	I	Y	E
	E	C	S	A	Q	R	O	I	B	M	R	L	F	D	N	E	M	V
	F	C	S	J	X	C	M	F	W	N	V	D	Y	P	L	X	M	H

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acted different after sharing with him and I had better hang on to it. I returned home and contemplated all the things described above. I was on another pink cloud and followed the instruction:

Step 1: When I drink the first drink I place myself at great risk, the outcome is known.

Step 2: Since I know the outcome of the first drink I need help staying away from it as I can't do it on my own.

Step 3: I gave to God my unconscious obsession "will" to drink.

Step 4: I took the action to show my faith in the process.

Step 5: More action of faith providing positive results.

Step 6: Would I be willing to let God remove from me all the things which I had admitted are bad for me and others? Heck Yes!

Willingness — the state of being prepared to do something. When I came into the rooms I just wanted to stop drinking. Through willingness I have found a new existence with which I and countless others find appealing.

– Written for Sylvia R. by a Golflinks Group member

# Concept 6: Guardians of the Traditions

*On behalf of A.A. as a whole, our General Service Conference has the principal responsibility for the maintenance of our world services, and it traditionally has the final decision respecting large matters of general policy and finance. But the Conference also recognizes that the chief initiative and the active responsibility in most of these matters should be exercised primarily by the Trustee members of the Conference when they act among themselves as the General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous.*

... The “final responsibility and ultimate authority” for A.A.’s service activities rest with the A.A. groups (Concept I), but to carry out this responsibility they must delegate to the Conference (Concept II). The Conference, in turn, must delegate administrative authority to the General Service Board of Trustees....

The trustees have the legal and practical responsibility for the operation of A.A. World Services, Inc. (which embraces A.A. publishing as well as the General Service Office) and of AA Grapevine, Inc. These entities have a combined cash flow of many millions of dollars annually. The trustees are also responsible for A.A.’s public information activities. They are the guardians of the Twelve Traditions. They are responsible for carrying the A.A. message to other countries around the world. They are A.A.’s “bankers,” overseeing the financial operations and investing A.A.’s substantial Reserve Fund. (Read the text of Concept XI for a more detailed account of their functions.)

Bill makes the point that although “our objective is always a spiritual one,” nevertheless our world service is a “large business operation.” “Indeed,” he says, “our whole service structure resembles that of a large corporation. The A.A. groups are the stockholders, the delegates represent them, like proxy-holders, at the annual meeting; the General Service Board Trustees are actually the directors of a ‘holding company.’ And this holding company (the General Service Board) actually owns and controls the two ‘subsidiaries’ (A.A.W.S and AA Grapevine) which carry on the . . . services.

“This very real analogy makes it . . . clear that, like any other board of directors, our trustees must be given large powers if they are to manage the . . . affairs of Alcoholics Anonymous.”

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## MEETING SPOTLIGHT



**Morning Shades**  
**Seven Days a Week**  
**6:45 am**

Open, Discussion

Wheelchair Accessible, Non-Smoking  
Eastside Meeting Place, 6061 E Broadway #127

## Spanish AA Corner

***¡¡ SE HABLA ESPAÑOL !!***

Intergroup meeting is held  
the last Friday of every month, 7:30 pm at

**Spanish Intergroup Office**

2241 N Oracle Rd Ste #4, Tucson AZ 85705  
**520-622-5112**

Secretary: Daniel ~ Literature: Fernando

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