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TUCSON AREA INTERGROUP INC.

March 2020

OUR THREE LEGACIES MARCH

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STEP THREE

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

TRADITION THREE

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

CONCEPT THREE

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

STEP 3: The Easier, Softer Way

Made a decision to turn my will and life over to the care of God as I understood him. I was sober a long time before I actually thought/wondered about those words. Wow, what an opportunity for over-complication! Here was my thinking: I didn't know how to make a good decision, I didn't know what my will was, I didn't have much of a life, I certainly didn't know who or what God is/was, etc., etc., etc. I was completely confused. With the help of my kind, extremely patient sponsor and others in A.A. who showed the way by example, I learned that this whole business is pretty simple.

I had made a decision to call A.A. and ask for help. Granted, that wasn't a conscious, rational decision, but a decision nonetheless. When I committed myself to this way of life by not drinking a day at a time, I turned my will over to something. Now came the big question – what was that? Was it God? I came to A.A. without a religion. I had never learned about anything remotely spiritual. So, how was I ever going to understand this God? How was I going to run my life if I turned it over to someone or something?

For a long time these questions plagued me even though wiser souls counseled me to simply believe and not drive myself nuts over it. Slowly, I decided to listen to people who were obviously doing this “turning over thing,” as I liked to think of it. They seemed to be managing their lives without acting like robots.

Now, years later, I still don't know much about God. I do know that I have somehow developed a spirituality which carries me through my days without drinking and gives me peace. I ask for help and say thanks for the help I get. Every day I get that help. It comes in many forms. Sometimes it's from within the program of A.A., sometimes from outside. I also know that for me, turning my will and life over to the care of this program and the people in it works. A.A. is all I really need to know about God. It is also the easier, softer way!

– Sylvia R., Tucson, AZ

“So our troubles, we think, are basically of our own making. They arise out of ourselves, and the alcoholic is an extreme example of self-will run riot, though he usually doesn't think so. Above everything, we alcoholics must be rid of this selfishness. We must, or it kills us!”

– Alcoholics Anonymous, p.62

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: Jessica H. (928) 254-8099
Last Saturday of the month at 9:00 am

Just for Today Editor

Contact: Maureen H.
info@aatucson.org

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The next Intergroup meeting will be on Sunday, March 8, 2020, 1:30 pm, at Central Office.

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.

Central Office Calls & Web Hits January 2020



Info: 232
12 Step: 12
Web Visits: 13,583
New Visits: 4,819
Returning Visits: 8,764



Treasurer's Report January, 2020

Total Operating Funds	\$	49,516.55
Income.....	\$	22,524.12
Cost of Goods Sold	\$	4,214.45
Gross Profit.....	\$	18,309.67
Total Expenses.....	\$	14,194.04
Net Income/Loss	\$	4,115.63

Current available funds for operating total \$49,516.55 which is equal to 5.6 months operating expenses. The savings account holding our prudent reserve is \$15,773.38 (14.8% of annual budget). \$209.12 is needed to bring the prudent reserve to 15% of the current 2020 budget

Miscellaneous Income for January 2020

Received from meetings at Central Office (rent).....	\$	1,114.94
Personal contributions	\$	730.00
Just for Today	\$	12.00
Special Events	\$	3,956.22
TOTAL	\$	5,813.16

P.Y.M.W.Y.M.I JANUARY 2020

Elizabeth T, Michael J, John K, Reggie T,
Anonymous X3, BJ & Bill B, Lynne L, Tony G, Cory C,
Frank S, Fernando R, Cheyanne & Mike, David M,
Nancy H, Valerie C, Dona P, Jim W.

Meeting was called to order with the Serenity Prayer at 1:30 pm.

New Intergroup Representatives – Donna C. Women’s Solutions, Chris H. Southside, Steve M. 6pm Newcomers Group, Anthony C. Campus Newcomers, Lisa H. Path to Serenity, Jake M. Foothills Newcomer, Vi D. Eastside Nooners , Paula G. Free Spirit.

Secretary’s Report – Shantaye M. Steve M. makes a motion to accept the minutes. Serena seconds. Motion passes.

Treasurer’s Report – Brian H. Current available funds for operating total \$49,516.55 which is equal to 5.6 months operating expenses. We also have a savings account holding our prudent reserve \$15,773.38 which is (14.8%) of annual budget. \$209.12 is needed to bring the prudent reserve to 15% of the current 2020 budget.

Central Office – Jim W. Payroll taxes are paid. Quickbooks has been reconciled for January. New meeting schedules have arrived. HAS packets will be mailed out this coming week. One HAS shift is open: 5th Friday 5:30pm to 10pm. Central Office open weekdays 9:30am to 5:30pm, Monday-Friday. Come down to do a little service work. Thank you to the Wednesday 12 Step Study Group for doing the JFT for the past year.

Corrections – Tom C. Not present. No report.

Bridge the Gap – Juliet M. BTG is setting up two more service positions to its committee: asking Home Groups to have a BTG Representative and asking Home Groups, as a whole, to be Temporary Contact/Volunteer for the newcomer. The idea is that instead of an individual taking on all roles of services for supporting the newcomer, the Home Group, as a unit, can share the responsibilities. For more information about how BTG works, contact Juliet, attend a BTG meeting, or seek more information on educating your Home Group with a BTG meeting.

Treatment – Terry B. Juliet M., new BTG representative, gave a presentation about what the service is and how it can be an asset to patients in the treatment setting. The committee agreed that this information should be made available to all treatment facilities. Banner South is seeking to start meetings at their inpatient psychiatric ward. Contact Beth if interested, 520-861-2896. TLC is still in need for someone to take a meeting in on Mondays at 6:30pm, at least twice a month. Contact Terry B. 520-271-4732 if interested in investigating further service possibilities. List of facilities is still being compiled. If your homegroup is taking a meeting in please contact Terry with information. The need for speakers is ongoing; if you can speak please contact Terry with availability. There is also a need for Big Book donations.

Public Information (PI) / Cooperation with Professional Community (CPC) – Janet H. At the last meeting packets were distributed to new committee members to take back to their groups regarding CPC/PI service objectives and opportunities. Six new volunteers were gained from Alcothon efforts! Discussion was had about purchases made with 2019 budget. Moving into 2020 CPC/PI is formulating initiatives and goals to ensure long term sustainability and viability in supporting groups in their ultimate responsibility to carry the message. To this end we are forming a steering committee. We would like to visit groups when not at events. One of the committee members gave a talk at medical school. We have offered volunteer support to PRAASA host committee to provide information about local AA meetings to PRAASA attendees.

Grapevine – BJ B. Actively planning the Spring Workshop. Twenty eager GVR’s were ready to get to work on the workshop at the last meeting. Alan S., our historian, came to work out some kinks for the “Write for AA” workshop. The Historian Committee and Grapevine Committee will combine to share their experience with writing for AA. Grapevine will concentrate on writing our stories of sobriety and Historian Committee will put their energy into Group Histories and stories around early sobriety in Tucson. The date for the workshop will be April 25th at Central office, 10am-4pm. Alan will have more information. Looking at creating a new GVR packet. It will contain info that will help the new GVR. This is a great time to elect a GVR if you do not already have one. Please contact Joyce, Communications Dean, 702-203-5940 for GVR contact.

Events Coordinator – John A. It’s time to start thinking about the three events that Intergroup sponsors each year: Founders’ Day, the Christmas Alcothon, and the New Year’s Alcothon. If your group would like to take a leadership role in making our celebrations great, let Jim, Lynne or John know. Thank you!

Historian – Alan S. The Historian’s Committee met to continue working on the new publication. We’re revising our group history “short form” and will be able to make it available as an electronic file for those groups and individuals who need it. We’ve met with the Grapevine Committee about holding a jointly sponsored “Write for AA” workshop and have scheduled it for April 25, from 10am to 4pm, at Central Office. Sessions will include writing for the Grapevine, writing group histories, and collecting oral histories. We’ve prepared a flyer announcing this event for sharing and posting at meeting sites. Reminder to return short-form histories to the Historian Committee.

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Monthly City-wide Speaker Meeting – Rob C. The first event was a success! Thank you everyone for attending and supporting it. The next one will be March 14 at the Pima Alano Club. Look out for flyers! Committee meets 1 pm, 3rd Sunday of the month at Central Office.

Homebound Exploratory Ad-Hoc Committee – Karen B. We need more members to join and attend our committee meeting in order to vote for a chair and a permanent secretary. We meet the second Sunday of each month at 3pm. Chris G. is our liaison with the Treatment committee. Three members saw Shawn T. in a nursing home on February 1st. Inge H. was sent to Devon Gables and will transfer to another facility this week. She is almost ready for a meeting. We are now listed on the calendar, please see the aatucson.org website.

Spanish Speaking Liaison – Not present. No report.

Area Liaison/Vice Chair – Laurie M. District Financial information was shared. There is a new PO Box for District contributions: P.O. Box 1146 Green Valley, AZ 85622. Corie S. is the new DCM for District 11-111.

Al-Anon Liaison – Dee R. Not present. No report.

Old Business – Continuation of elections. Open positions: Spanish-Speaking Liaison and 2 other Sub-Committee members at large. Jaya J. nominates herself for the position. Jaya is voted in by Intergroup.

New Business – No new business

Intergroup Representative Announcements – Karen W.: Our website will be changing its platform on March 1. There may be a brief outage of the website during the transition. Be aware and practice love, kindness and tolerance to webmasters....

Adjournment with Declaration of Unity and I am Responsible at 2:34 pm.

The Things We Cannot Change

Sally H. passed away January 10, 2020. She was a good friend to Tucson Area Intergroup and a sound, sober voice in the A.A. community. We will miss her. Sobriety date: December 11, 2002.



THE HAND OF AA

If you know someone who is unable to attend face-to-face meetings and would like to have a meeting brought to them, please contact Central Office 520-882-7422.

Looking for Service Work? Join Us!

Homebound Committee meets

2nd Sunday of each month, 3:00 pm, at Central Office.

GROUPS REPRESENTED AT THE FEBRUARY 2020 INTERGROUP MEETING

ABC

Between the Tracks

By th Book

Campus Newcomers

Courage to Change

Eastside Nooners

801 Group

Foothills Newcomers

Free at Last

Free Spirit

Glad We're All Here

Honest Open and Free

Hopi Group

Morning Shades

Odds & Ends

Our Daily Bread

Overton Sunday Morning

Path to Serenity

Rincon

Smoke Free Nooners

Solutions

Southside

Sunday Morning AA

The Retired Professionals

T.G.I.F!

Twelve Stepping Sisters

Upon Awakening

Wed. Night Twelve Step Study

Weeknight Newcomers

Women's Solutions Group

Group Contributions through January 2020

11th Step Meditation Meeting	25.00	GV Fantastic Breakfast	176.20	Sober Road Runners	45.10
12th Step Message & Principles	200.00	GV Happy Hour Group	65.00	Solutions Group	925.00
22nd Street Loop Group	219.16	GV Miracle Group	73.00	Southside	100.00
Amen Stag	35.70	GV Serenity Seekers	90.00	Step Sisters	700.00
As Bill Leads it	50.00	Hear Ye Hear Ye	20.00	Sunday Morning AA Group	85.00
Back Door Friends	100.00	Hopi Group	125.00	Twelve at Twelve	350.00
Big Book Scholars	120.00	Little House	20.00	Twelve Stepping Sisters	226.35
Campus Nooners	75.00	Oro Saturday Serenity Group	450.00	Vistoso Retreats	210.00
Eastside Nooners	330.00	Oro Valley Men's Stag	550.00	Women from the Heart	128.28
Emotional Sobriety thr 12 steps	113.00	Oro Valley Step Sisters	50.00	Women Of Serenity	50.00
Foothills Newcomers	250.00	OV Survivors Big Book Group	232.50		
Golf Links Group	309.00	Recovery in Progress	198.00	TOTAL	\$6,696.29

PRAASA 2020 *in Tucson!*

53rd Pacific Region Alcoholics Anonymous Service Assembly

March 6th - 8th, 2020

Westin La Paloma Resort

Come join over 1000 excited AA members from all over the Pacific Region and be part of this unforgettable event. The entire weekend is packed with panels, round table discussions, presentations, open mike sharing, speakers, wonderful meals and ongoing fellowship.



Volume 2 of ***Mark on the Gate: the History of AA in Tucson*** is underway!

Volume 1: 1943 - 1984 • Volume 2: 1985 - present

Visit aatucson.org and submit a Personal Memory Page of *your* Tucson AA:

How has Tucson AA changed since you first found it?

What sayings did your favorite old timers and sponsors use?

Have you started any AA meetings in Tucson? When? Is it still active?

And more!

All submissions will be considered for publication in Volume 2 of *Mark on the Gate*. Your identity will be protected in accordance with all AA rules regarding anonymity and full names will not be used.

MEETING SPOTLIGHT

Eastside Nooners

Daily 12:00 pm

Discussion | (O)NS(WH)

Eastside Meeting Place
6061 E. Broadway #127, Tucson, AZ 85715

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

UPDATES TO THE "SKY BLUE" SCHEDULE

New Meeting:

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San Manuel

SAN MANUEL WELCOME MEETING

Pineal County Administrative Bldg.

28380 S Veteran's Memorial Blvd.

(O) NS (WH) Discussion

Monday, 6:00 PM

If you have updates or changes to the meeting schedule, please submit them to Central Office.

Thank you!

Third Legacy

Tucson Area Intergroup, Inc.

Meets 2nd Sunday Monthly
1:30 pm at Central Office

CPC & PI Committee

Meets 4th Wednesday Monthly
5:30 pm at Central Office

Treatment Center Committee

Meets 2nd Tuesday Monthly
5:30 pm at Central Office

Corrections Committee

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

Grapevine Committee

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

Historical Committee

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

JFT Stuffing and Mailing

Last Saturday Monthly
9:00 am at Central Office
Jessica H. 928-254-8099

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

DCMC Johnnie W. 520-907-1779

Alternate: Jo S. 520-869-8678

TAII Liaison: Laura M. 520-322-0462

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.

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

Central Sub-District 11-111

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

Eastern Sub-District 11-114

Meets 3rd Wednesday @ 6:00 pm
Eastside City Hall, 7575 Speedway
DCM: Sarah VP. 520-400-2456

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

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

MARCH

BIRTHDAYS!

801Group

Mike D.	11 years
Forest K.	13 years
Joseph C.	15 years
Brad R.	26 years

Morning Shades

Marilyn C.	1 year
David L.K.	1 year
Edward J.	3 years
Joe M.	6 years
Millie L.	7 years
Paul S.	14 years
Diana J.	25 years
Nan T.	31 years
Evey W.	33 years
Sam A.	34 years
Pat T.	37 years
Wade O.	37 years

Golf Links Group

Basil	1 year
Robert K.	29 years

Courage to Change

Mary K.	32 years
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Hopi Group

Rod R.	23 years
Sharon B.	25 years
Tom D.	25 years
Susan D.	36 years
Bruce J.	37 years

TGIF!

Jim H.	7 years
Rose R.	23 years
Ken J.	24 years

FREEDOM GROUP

Michael N.	7 years
Ashley H.	12 years
Bill B.	34 years

AREA 03

ARIZONA AREA COMMITTEE OF ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

NEW MAILING ADDRESS

PO Box 3691
Gilbert, AZ 85299

FOR CONTRIBUTIONS

make checks payable to
Arizona Area Committee

NORTH

Citywide Speaker Meeting!

POTLUCK | FELLOWSHIP

MARCH 14, 6 - 10
PIMA ALANO CLUB, 4405 E. PIMA ST.

SOUTH

WEST

EAST

Handy TAI Calendar



What's going on in
March?

Check it out on
aatucson.org

WORD SEARCH

CAN YOU FIND THESE STEP 3 WORDS?

decision

R S Y P O C W I L L B T T C B D M

turn over

Z R O T C E R I D Y O F X A J Z T

will

W Y R N E O V O E G A D N O B O S

lives

R H E A P E Z E A N W O F B I S R

surrender

K G V H S C G A R Z I O A R J P P

run riot

O O O P Q E E O J S U R N Z M K D

Director

S X N M I O B J I O C U S U I Z N

triumphant

E A R U Y E K C D H R U R Y F B Y

arch

T I U I R P E V B T Y R O T C I V

openness

P X T R E D N E R R U S Z I Z P D

footing

K K H T W O P E N N E S S B X O K

reborn

V H T I A F O O T I N G T Y C R H

bondage

M J A W E E A S V A I W P B V Z N

victory

R G Y V X I X O U T J O L R A U Y

key

faith

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