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TUCSON AREA INTERGROUP INC.

May 2020

OUR THREE LEGACIES MAY

5

STEP FIVE

Admitted to God, to ourselves, and to another human being the exact nature of our wrongs

TRADITION FIVE

Each group has but one primary purpose—to carry its message to the alcoholic who still suffers.

CONCEPT FIVE

Throughout our structure, a traditional "Right of Appeal" ought to prevail, so that minority opinion will be heard and personal grievances receive careful consideration.

Step 5: Truths about Myself

After 7 years sober/dry, I did my first and only written inventory in A.A. My sponsor said he'd hear my fifth step, but preferred I find someone outside of the program who didn't know much about A.A. so I could get a different perspective. (However I suspect it was partially because he knew how long the written inventory was.) I told him I'd do it with a priest for legal concerns, not religious ones. He agreed, but knowing how financially conservative I was (he actually called me cheap), he told me to donate \$50 to the church every time I saw the priest and make sure he understood this was not about church forgiveness.

I contacted a church near my house and made an after-work appointment to talk to a priest. I went in to see him with my two plus 40-page binders full of everything from my childhood to the present, my motivations, my feelings; etc., etc., etc. (Yes, still prideful/self-obsessed after 7 years sober/dry).

We met for an hour; two or three times. At the end of the last meeting he said he was still willing to keep meeting, but he felt he had enough to tell me what he thought. I'm sure part of my motivation to agree with the priest had to do with the \$50 donation per session. (Yes, my sponsor was right about me being cheap.) Also, after reading the stuff to the priest I realized how trivial a lot of it was. In any case, I agreed to stop meeting him and he told me his two thoughts on the matter. First, he just outright said I had been and was still a mean person. Second, he said I had this kind of pride that made me feel I was 'worst than others' and unforgivable. (Yes, the things I would have heard in meetings if I was capable of actually listening at the time.)

These two truths about myself have served me well in A.A. for the next 30 years that followed as has the way of those who first 12th stepped me lived their lives in AA, their families, and their communities:

- They went to and didn't drink or use in between meetings.
- They worked a 12 step program; part of which was working with newcomers and doing service work.
- They found a Higher Power in God, a group, or anything other than themselves.
- They set examples by becoming workers among workers, friends among friends, and A.A. members among members.

– Written for Sylvia R. by a Golfinks Group member

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.

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The next Intergroup meeting will be on Sunday, May 10, 2020, at 1:30 PM. This will be a zoom meeting. Link will be provided on the website calendar.

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 will be closed until further notice. Literature may be ordered by calling 882-7422.

Phone Calls & Web Visits

March 2020

Calls for Information: 351

12 Step Calls: 9

Treasurer's Report: March 2020

Total Operating Funds	\$	64,419.08
Income.....	\$	8,131.64
Cost of Goods Sold	\$	1,590.65
Gross Profit.....	\$	6,640.99
Total Expenses.....	\$	5,842.68
Net Income/Loss	\$	698.31

Current available funds for operating total \$64,419.08 which is equal to 7.25 months operating expenses. The savings account holding our prudent reserve is \$15,570.67 (15% of annual budget).

Miscellaneous Income

Received from meetings at Central Office (rent).....	\$	847.62
Personal contributions	\$	441.50
Just for Today	\$	0.00
Other	\$	0.00
Total	\$	1,289.12

P.Y.M.W.Y.M.I MARCH 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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Group Contributions through March 2020

11th Step Meditation Meeting	25.00	Get A Life	150.00	Sahuarita Monday Nite BB	75.00
12th Step Message & Principles	200.00	Golf Links Group	309.00	Smile Group	350.00
22nd Street Loop Group	219.16	Good Life	318.28	Smoke Free Nooners	300.00
801 Group	370.00	GV Fantastic Breakfast	176.20	Sober Road Runners	45.10
A Safe Place For Women	175.60	GV Happy Hour Group	65.00	Solution on Sunday	158.00
AA Womens Conference	500.00	GV Miracle Group	73.00	Solutions Group	925.00
Ajo Group	60.00	GV Nooners	200.00	Something Less Stuffy	100.00
Amen Stag	35.70	GV Serenity Seekers	90.00	Southside	100.00
Anonymous	5.00	Hear Ye Hear Ye	20.00	Step Sisters	700.00
As Bill Leads it	50.00	Honest, Open & Free	200.00	Stone Sober	377.10
Back Door Friends	100.00	Hopi Group	340.00	Sunday Morning AA Group	85.00
Between the Tracks	305.00	Houghton Sunset	300.00	Tubac AA Group	248.70
Big Book Scholars	195.00	Ironwood Hills Grp	295.00	Tucson Group	50.00
By the Book	210.00	Little House	40.00	Tucson Men's	50.00
Campus Newcomers	687.50	Midday Meeting	100.00	Twelve and Twelve	120.00
Campus Nooners	75.00	Morning Shades	369.81	Twelve at Twelve	1,050.00
Catalina Wednesday Night Mtg	75.00	Northside Group	150.00	Twelve Stepping Sisters	226.35
Clean Air Group	300.00	Oro Saturday Serenity Group	450.00	Upon Awakening	100.00
Dove Mountain Group	175.40	OV Happy, Joyous & Free	200.00	Vistoso Retreads	210.00
Eastside Nooners	550.00	Oro Valley Men's Stag	550.00	Women from the Heart	128.28
Emotional Sobriety thru 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	Women Who Weren't Born	800.00
Free at Last	50.00	Recovery in Progress	198.00	Yesterday	
				TOTAL	\$15,851.68

**Live AA meetings are available at:
www.aa-intergroup.org**

***Not comfortable with online meetings?*
 Call another alcoholic. Remember...
 It only takes two to hold a meeting!**



Updates on meetings in Tucson due to COVID-19

In the coming days and weeks we will be updating our meetings on the TAIL website aatucson.org with the word "Suspended" in its title if we know the meeting is suspended. We will provide an estimated end date if provided.

The Coronavirus is a fluid situation and information is constantly changing. We will do our best to provide the most up to-date-information available. And, please, remember the website is run by volunteers. We ask for your patience in this unique situation.

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
TAIL 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
Jessica H. 928-254-8099

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!**

MAY BIRTHDAYS!

Morning Shades

Cess D.	1 year
Kimberly S.	1 year
Tim L.	1 year
Nadya B.	1 year
Larry F.	2 years
Adam H.	2 years
Susan H.	3 years
Gene V.	5 years
John B.	5 years
Bob B. Jr.	7 years
Xochiquetzal	11 years
Steve C.	31 years
Mark T.	31 years
Pete L.	34 years

Courage to Change

Ed F.	3 years
Bridget K.	8 years
Jack K.	13 years
Annette J.	20 years
Ed B.	32 years
John K.	35 years
Martha H.	38 years

Golf Links Group

Greg C.	19 years
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PUZZLE ANSWERS

1.	ONE DAY AT A TIME
2.	EASY DOES IT
3.	KEEP IT SIMPLE
4.	LIVE AND LET LIVE
5.	MIND YOUR OWN BUSINESS
6.	PROGRESS NOT PERFECTION
7.	THINK

Tradition 5: Reflections and Practicalities

*Each group has
but one primary
purpose—*

*to carry
its message
to the alcoholic
who still suffers.*

Every newcomer learns (some of us the hard way) that the business of staying sober must have top priority. If we fail at that, we can't succeed at anything else. The Fifth Tradition tells us that groups should remember *their* "one primary purpose."

Often, unthinking enthusiasm puts a group off the main track. One, for instance, offered an "expanded A.A. program" that included helping newcomers to land jobs. Tradition Five doesn't frown on the individual A.A. who tells another about a good opening. But when the group turns itself into an employment agency, newcomers may get confused about *their* primary purpose. A.A.'s function is to help them get sober — then they can find work for themselves.

Using discretion, a member may lend a few dollars needed for a meal or a hotel room, or may even invite a broke alcoholic to be a temporary houseguest. But the A.A. group as a whole is not a friendly finance company, nor a welfare department, nor a housing bureau.

Even when acting on their own, as individual members, A.A. lay people certainly shouldn't award themselves honorary medical degrees and hand out diagnoses and prescriptions and amateur analysis of other people's neuroses. Exactly because this personal failing is so common, the A.A. group in all its dealings should be extra careful to emphasize that it is not invading the medical field. Through the personal experiences of its members, it is qualified to carry only one message: how an alcoholic can recover in A.A. That's all.

Yet one group recently felt itself equipped to set up an "*alcoholism* information center." The temptation is understandable; it was even stronger at the time this Tradition was written, because public ignorance about alcoholism as an illness was more widespread than it is now. Since then, other agencies have sprung up to assume the task of educating the general public on alcoholism. That is not A.A.'s purpose, but these agencies also are trying to help the active alcoholic. They are our friends — and Tradition Six marks the boundaries of the relationship....

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find LIVE meetings at:
www.aa-intergroup.org

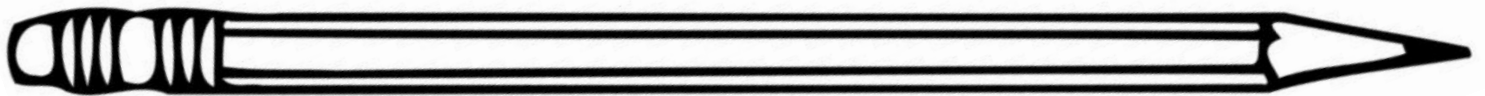
AA ON THE AIR recorded meetings at:
<https://aatucson.org/air/>



WORD SEARCH

CAN YOU FIND THESE STEP 5 WORDS?

ADMITTED	W	J	V	I	N	T	E	G	R	I	T	Y	L	A	O	V
TO ANOTHER	V	K	B	R	O	A	D	H	I	G	H	W	A	Y	B	Y
WRONGS	T	N	C	W	R	O	N	G	S	D	W	S	F	Z	N	T
INVENTORY	T	D	O	F	E	Y	R	O	T	N	E	V	N	I	D	I
HONESTY	J	P	N	P	X	W	P	H	Q	B	S	R	O	N	R	L
INTEGRITY	J	S	F	V	E	R	I	U	G	F	F	O	I	P	U	I
DEFECTS	B	A	I	S	K	R	X	H	X	Y	E	M	T	E	U	M
CONFIDENTIAL	W	J	D	T	H	E	S	K	S	Y	I	A	I	Y	S	U
READINESS	D	R	E	A	D	I	N	E	S	S	L	A	N	R	T	H
FREEDOM	L	H	N	T	G	F	I	F	V	W	E	U	G	A	C	P
DEFLATE	L	H	N	T	G	F	I	F	V	W	E	U	G	A	C	P
NECESSARY	D	E	T	T	I	M	D	A	H	E	R	D	O	S	E	N
HUMILITY	V	K	I	D	E	F	L	A	T	E	R	M	C	S	F	E
RECOGNITION	T	O	A	N	O	T	H	E	R	K	R	E	E	E	E	R
SHARE	F	U	L	V	W	M	O	D	E	E	R	F	R	C	D	A
RELIEF	E	T	Z	Q	H	O	N	E	S	T	Y	P	U	E	O	H
BROAD HIGHWAY	X	P	H	H	M	W	Z	A	A	H	O	V	V	N	G	S



Stay at Home Bonus Puzzle!

MIXED UP SLOGANS !

These slogans are in a simple substitution code. One set of letters has been substituted for the correct letters of the words. If **A** stands for **T** in one slogan, it will be the same for all seven slogans. Try it!

Answers on page 4

- 1- BFG LSJ SR S RWOG
- 2- GSZJ LBGZ WR
- 3- NGGC WR ZWOCUG
- 4- UWMG SFL UGR UWMG
- 5- OWFL JBQA BPF EQZWFGZZ
- 6- CABVAGZZ FBR CGAXGDRWBF
- 7- RTWFN

Concept 5: Spiritual Principles in Practice

Throughout our structure, a traditional "Right of Appeal" ought to prevail, so that minority opinion will be heard and personal grievances receive careful consideration.

Newcomers to A.A.'s General Service Conference are often surprised at the pains taken by the presiding officer to make sure the minority has a second opportunity to present its views. Even after extensive debate on an issue, followed by a vote in which a "substantial unanimity" is reached, those opposed are polled individually to see if they wish to speak further to their minority view. In fact, numerous instances can be cited in which this minority view is so compelling the Conference has then reversed itself.

This is A.A.'s "Right of Appeal" in action, and Bill says the same principle should apply to meetings of our area committees, trustee committees and boards. On an issue of grave importance, the minority has the actual *duty* of presenting its views.

This "Right of Appeal" recognizes that minorities frequently can be right; that even when they are in error they still perform a most valuable service when they compel a thorough-going debate on important issues. The well-heard minority, therefore, is our chief protection against an uninformed, misinformed, hasty or angry majority.

"Trusted servants," according to Bill, "do for the groups what the groups cannot or should not do for themselves." And in exercising their "Right of Decision" (see Concept III), trusted servants are almost always "a small but truly qualified minority" — whether in the form of area committees, staffs, boards or even the General Service Conference itself. It is incumbent upon them, therefore, in their own meetings, to pay special deference to the minority voice.

This Concept also warns us of "the tyranny of the majority" and points out that in A.A., a simple majority is seldom sufficient basis for a decision. That's why we usually require at least a two-thirds majority. Lacking this, it is preferable to delay the decision; or in the case of an election following the "Third Legacy Procedure," to "go to the hat." (See Service Manual, Chapter I.)

The "Right of Appeal" also permits any person in the service structure, whether paid or volunteer, to petition for redress of a personal grievance. He or she can complain directly to the General Service Board, without prejudice or fear of reprisal.

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MEETING SPOTLIGHT



**22nd Street
Loop Group**
Wednesdays 7:30 pm
Thursdays 6:30 pm

12 & 12 Study (Wed.) | (C)NS(WH)
Immanuel Presbyterian Church
9252 E. 22nd St., Tucson AZ

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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