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TUCSON AREA INTERGROUP INC.

March 2021

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.”

Becoming a Part Of

Like step two, step three was easy for me when I first arrived in AA. I had the God of my childhood, it worked for me, and it was quite easy to turn my life over on a daily basis. Later, however, after I lost that faith, step three became much more challenging for me. What do I turn my will and my life over to now? How do I make a decision to turn my will and my life over to something I am not even sure I believe in? Would that not make me a hypocrite? The Big Book assures me though, “the Realm of the Spirit is broad, roomy, all inclusive; never exclusive or forbidding to those that earnestly seek. It is open.” Thus, I began to seek a new way of practicing step three.

For me, step three was about finding the willingness to direct my thinking and my actions outside of myself, trying to rid myself of selfishness, and looking for what I could contribute to life. If I see myself as a part of a vast universe made up of energy and atoms, then I can easily see that I am not in charge, for it would be quite the job to be in charge of the universe and I am not qualified. If I wake up in the morning and focus my thinking on what I can contribute to this universe, my thinking is directed away from self-seeking motives and my day is better.

I had a sponsor who would often say to me, “You don’t have to do it right, you just have to do it differently.” Her words often replay in my head. What can I do differently today that will make things better? The list of things I can do differently today is vast and endless: read the big book, talk to another alcoholic, read the Daily Reflections and actually reflect on it, allow a car in traffic to get in front of me, offer to help someone, pick up litter, clean my house, plant some flowers, spend time meditating, do service work, make a conscious effort not to complain, etc. When I shift my focus to being a helpful member of the universe, I feel happier. Who would’ve guessed that to make me happy I needed to spend less time focused on me? This is how I am relieved of the bondage of self and how I begin to feel a part OF rather than apart from.

– Karen W.

“Nothing changes if nothing changes.”

Central Office News

Join Us For Great Service Opportunities!

Bridge the Gap

Contact: Juliet M. 730-3307

Cooperation with the Professional Community

Contact: Pat S. 405-0965

Public Information

Contact: Karrie T. (815) 354-6382

Treatment

Contact: Terry B. 271-4732

Corrections

Contact: Emil B. (520) 332 8426

Grapevine

Contact: Joyce Jean 702-203-5940

Events

Contact: John A. (520) 271-8183

Historical

Contact: open

ASCYPAA

1st and 3rd Sundays

2:00 pm at Central Office

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The next Intergroup meeting will be Sunday, March 14, 2021, at 1:30 p.m. 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: January

Calls for Information: 296; 12 Step Calls: 41.

Website	Views	Visitors
November	21,355	4,781
December	20,810	4,762
January	22,222	4,897

Treasurer's Report: January 31, 2021

Total Operating Funds	\$	64,741
Income.....	\$	10,694
Cost of Goods Sold	\$	949
Gross Profit.....	\$	9,745
Total Expenses.....	\$	10,518
Net Income/(Loss)	\$	(773)

Current available funds for operating total \$64,741 which is equal to 6.7 months operating expenses. The savings account holding our prudent reserve is \$15,578 (13.43% of annual budget). \$1,822.09 will be deposited to savings account to bring current yearly budget amount to 15%.

Miscellaneous Income

Received from meetings at Central Office (rent).....	\$	726.50
Special Events	\$	994.80
Personal contributions	\$	3,297.28
Total	\$	5,018.58

24-HOUR HOTLINE & MEETING INFORMATION

520 - 624 - 4183

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Intergroup Meeting Minutes

February 14, 2021. The meeting opened at 1:30pm with the Serenity Prayer.

New Intergroup Reps. Elizabeth A. – 12 Stepping Sisters, Rhonda B. – Smoke Free Nooners, Kathleen M. – Rincon Group.

Secretary's Report – Maureen A. Sara B. made a correction to the Spanish Speaking Liaison Report in minutes. The minutes should say Hispanic Intergroup will use “literature raffle” to generate funds not “literature racks”. Steve made a motion to accept the January minutes with Sara’s correction. Al M. seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Treasurer's Report – Brian H. We have current available funds for operating expenses totaling \$64,741 which is equal to 6.7 months average operating expenses. We also have established a savings account holding our prudent reserve of \$15,578 (13.43%) of annual budget. We will deposit \$1,822.09 from our checking to our savings account to bring the total of our prudent reserve to equal 15% of our total operating expenses according to the TALL bylaws. This is necessary because our budget increased in 2021. Al M. made a motion to accept the Treasurer’s Report. Pat S. seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Central Office – Lynne L. Central Office is still officially closed. However, Jim and Lynne are at Central Office during the middle of the day from 10:00am to 2:00pm. If you need to purchase chips or literature, you can stop by Central Office at that time or call 882-7422 and leave a message and one of them will call you back to set up an appointment to come by. The Home Answering Service has 1 shift available on the 5th Sunday of the month from 1:00pm to 5:30pm. Call Central Office at the same number as above if you are interested in taking that shift. Jim or Lynne will call you back and mail you a Home Answering Service packet and train you over the phone. Central Office needs 12-step workers to talk to alcoholics who call the hotline. If interested, please call Central Office.

Corrections – Emil B. There was a Corrections Committee Meeting on January 16th. They discussed the importance of bringing literature into the jails and prisons. This can be done directly by the publisher to a specific inmate. The Grapevine does this. Call the Grapevine at (800) 631-6025 (English speaking) or (800) 640-8781 (Spanish speaking) to have them send a subscription to an inmate. It is also important to bring AA published literature for inmates into the jails and prisons. Some inmates have the little red Big Books but they are not published by WSO. They are published by Anonymous Press who profits from the sales of these books. The soft cover blue Big Books are published by AA. This supports WSO when we purchase them.

Bridge the Gap – Juliet. No report

Treatment – Terry. There are 3 live in-person treatment meetings. There are 5 zoom meetings for nursing homes and treatment centers. Please switch the Treatment meeting listing on the TALL calendar from in-person to a Zoom meeting, same time.

PI/CPC – Pat S. Committee meets at 5:30 on the last Wed. of month via Zoom. Send your group representatives. They met this past January 27. They are working on an initiative to create a Zoom “take a professional to a meeting” program. Looking for volunteers to do this. They have a packet with a format and follow-up surveys. He will send packet to Jim and Lynne for availability at Central Office. You can email Pat for information at Pscott2372@gmail.com. Please get the word out to your groups.

Grapevine – No report.

Events Coordinator – Position is open. No report.

Historian – Alan will be working with Laurie B. to get the new Mark on the Gate together. Would like someone to nominate her as Historian. Would like to document AA during COVID if you have any information send to Central Office and they will forward to Alan and Laurie.

Monthly City-Wide Speaker Meeting – Rob C. On hold until further notice.

Homebound Exploratory Committee – Karen B. She is going to PRASSA to learn what other groups are doing during COVID.

Spanish Speaking Liaison – Sara B. For now, the AA Tucson Spanish meetings will not be updated on the Tucson AA website until things settle down with the pandemic, as things are still in flux. She has been in touch with the Grapevine Intergroup Rep. and will be conveying a message to the La Viña rep (who only speaks Spanish), that La Viña is welcome to share a table at events with Grapevine. Question was raised at Spanish Intergroup whether Central Office has literature in Spanish. Spanish Intergroup has a literature rep, but no office space at this time. The Response

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from Central Office was that when Spanish Intergroup started, Central Office donated all Spanish literature to them at that time.

Area Liaison/Vice Chair – James W. District 11 Treasury has a bank balance of \$6810.40. \$3060.40 available after \$1500 prudent reserve, and \$2250 budget reserve. District 11 Groups have mixture of meeting types. Some meet only online, some meet only in person, some meet separately online / in-person, and some meet in integrated in-person / online meetings. Sub-districts are meeting online and doing ok but have some drops in attendance. Exception is District 11-111 which did not meet. District 11 is considering bidding for the 2022 Arizona Area Convention. More discussion and information to follow. District 11 is hosting the virtual Arizona Area August Assembly. Will be looking for volunteers soon. Flyer should be coming soon. PRAASA (Pacific Regional AA Service Assembly) 2021 is being held online 3/5-3/7. I plan to attend. Arizona Area Pre-Conference Assembly will be held online 3/26-3/28. I have not yet received any information on agenda or items to be discussed. Will hopefully have all the information for next month's Intergroup meeting.

Al-Anon Liaison – Brian C. Alanon Founders day is Feb. 27 from 1:00pm to 2:30pm. We will be celebrating 64 years Tucson and Southern AZ. There will be an AA speaker, an Alanon speaker and an Alateen speaker. It will be on Zoom. Go to www.so-az-alanon.org. Turbo charger recovery still going on. More information on Alanon website.

Old Business – Continuation of Elections: Intergroup Chair – Steve A. volunteered. Jim H. motioned to vote in Steve A. Al M. seconded. Steve A. voted in unanimously. **Historian – Al M.** nominated Laurie B., Jim H. seconded. Laurie voted in unanimously. **Events Coordinator –** No nominations. Bring back to your groups that we need an Events Coordinator.

New Administrative Sub-Committee Members (4) – Al M. will stand for one position. Jim H interested. Laurie moved to nominate both by acclamation – motion passed. Ashley K. interested. Ashley voted in unanimously. New Subcommittee members should send your email address to Central Office. Al needs to be texted the information because he does not have email.

Possible Contribution to GSO – Brian still waiting for answer from GSO as to whether they can accept contributions from TAIL. Terry brought information that GSO is not in need of contributions. Mary will take the information back to her group to see if they still would like the motion to contribute to GSO to be made. James mentioned that for future reference Brian should still work on finding out whether GSO would take contributions from TAIL.

New Business – Al M. Should we explore possibility of helping Spanish speaking Central Office financially in some way so they can rent their own Central Office? James said to put it on the Administrative Subcommittee agenda for next month to discuss.

Intergroup Rep. Announcements – Lynne stated that new Intergroup Representatives should send their full name, mailing address, phone number, group name and email to Central Office. Also let them know that you want JFT mailed to you. All reps should send email to Central Office for attendance at this meeting at info@aatucson.org.

The meeting adjourned at 2:58pm with I am Responsible.

Home Groups at the February 2021 Intergroup Meeting

Alanon Liaison
By the Book Step Study
Courage to Change
Free At Last
Golf Links
Honest Open and Free

Hopi Group
Odds and Ends
Our Daily Bread
Overton Sunday Morning
Rincon Group
Smoke Free Nooners

Sober Living
Southside
Twelve at Twelve
Twelve Stepping Sisters
Wednesday Night 12 Step
Study

***Did you know ?
You can make secure contributions at AATucson.org***

Group Contributions through January 2021

ABC Group	339.00	Ironwood Hills Grp	202.50	Southside	100.00
Basic AA	40.00	Midvale Morning Group	150.00	Survivors Big Book Study	262.50
Foothills Newcomers	154.00	Odds & Ends	60.00	TGIF	165.00
GV Daily Reprieve Group	144.00	Oro Valley Men's Stag	50.00	Twelve and Twelve	200.00
GV Serenity Seekers (Men)	86.40	Oro Valley Step Sisters	50.00	Wed 12 Step Study	48.00
GV Sober Sisters	40.00	Smoke Free Nooners	1,614.00		
				TOTAL	<u>\$3,705.40</u>

P.Y.M.W.Y.M.I.

January 2021

Alan Z.	David Z.	John S.	Mark D.	Robert A. &
Ann W.	Elizabeth C.	Jon & Nora W.	Meg S.	Margaret D.
Anonymous	Elizabeth H.	Julena W.	Michael J.	Robert T.
Barbara K.	Elizabeth T.	Karen B.	Mick C.	Ronda C.
BJ & Bill B.	Fernando R.	Kathleen H.	Mollie H.	Samuel D.
Cheryl W.	Frank S.	Katrina S.	Noreen L.	Steve L.
Christine C.	Gretchen B.	Kay W.	Patrick G.	Tamara H.
Daia G.	James W	Larry C.	Patrick S.	Valerie C.
David H. & Judith H.	Jim W.	Lynne L.	Rita R.	
David M.	John K.	Marie E.		

There is only One Key

Practicing Step Three is like the opening of a door which to all appearances is still closed and locked. All we need is a key, and the decision to swing the door open. There is only one key, and it is called willingness. Once unlocked by willingness, the door opens almost of itself, and looking through it, we shall see a pathway beside which is an inscription. It reads: "This is the way to a faith that works." In the first two Steps we were engaged in reflection. We saw that we were powerless over alcohol, but we also perceived that faith of some kind, if only in A.A. itself, is possible to anyone. These conclusions did not require action; they required only acceptance.

Like all the remaining Steps, Step Three calls for affirmative action, for it is only by action that we can cut away the self-will which has always blocked the entry of God—or, if you like, a Higher Power—into our lives. Faith, to be sure, is necessary, but faith alone can avail nothing. We can have faith, yet keep God out of our lives. Therefore our problem now becomes just how and by what specific means shall we be able to let Him in? Step Three represents our first attempt to do this. In fact, the effectiveness of the whole A.A. Program will rest upon how well and earnestly we have tried to come to "a decision to turn our will and our lives over to the care of God *as we understood Him.*"

— *Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions*, pages 34-35

A.A of the Air

Check out
dozens of
recorded
speaker
meetings
available at
[aatucson.org!](http://aatucson.org)



WORD SEARCH

CAN YOU FIND THESE STEP 3 WORDS?

S X T R I U M P H A N T W X
Q A T S F R E D N E R R U S
I G L L G G R U N R I O T X
O L L Y A D D E H C R A O F
O I Y D R R F Z W R C P A O
W F N Y B O C K L D E I Z O
X O M N B R T I W N T F P T
B A E Q E F V C N H S N O I
K T B B T E M E I N L W P N
Y D O N S L S N X V Y U U G
T R N O I S I C E D V E N C
N Y Y W T U R N O V E R K M
G P T M Y N H P D K X Q U W

decision
turn over
will
lives
surrender

run riot
triumphant
arch
openness
footing

reborn
bondage
victory
key
faith

Meeting Spotlight

Green Valley Nooners

Every day, 12:00 p.m.

(O) NS (WH) Discussion

Green Valley Alano Club
880 W. Camino Casa Verde
Green Valley AZ

Spanish Corner

Spanish Intergroup office is closed.

The Intergroup is seeking
a meeting space to hold
their Central Office meetings.

A.A.'s needing Spanish language
assistance may call: 520-622-5112

Tucson Meeting Updates

We do our best to provide the most up-to-date meeting information available on our website, aatucson.org. Please note, the "Sky Blue" meeting schedule booklet is currently incorrect and will be updated when meetings resume their regular schedules. Thanks for your patience during this challenging time.

Third Legacy

Committee meetings may be suspended due to Covid-19. Check the website and click on Calendar for possible Zoom meetings, or call the Committee Chairperson's number for information.

Tucson Area Intergroup, Inc.

Meets 2nd Sunday Monthly
1:30 pm on Zoom

DCMC Johnnie W. 520-907-1779

Alternate: Jo S. 520-869-8678
TALL Liaison: open

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
Contact: Terry B. 271-4732

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
Contact: Emil B. 332-8426

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 on Zoom
Contact: Joyce Jean 702-203-5940

Eastern Sub-District 11-114

Meets 3rd Wednesday @ 6:00 pm
Eastside City Hall, 7575 Speedway
DCM: Rick D. 520-336-6053

Historical Committee

Temporarily suspended.

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
Contact: Brian H. 668-7764

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
520-622-5112

Bridge the Gap Committee

Meets 1st Sunday Monthly
Contact: Juliet M. 730-3307

Homebound Committee

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

**Join us
for service work!**

MARCH BIRTHDAYS!

Courage to Change

Mary K. 33 years

801 Group

Ryan W. 2 years

Mike D. 12 years

Forest K. 14 years

Brad R. 27 years

Morning Shades

Meg S. 1 year

Derik B. 1 year

Marilyn C. 2 years

Edward J. 4 years

Joe M. 7 years

Millie L. 8 years

Aaron M. 10 years

Paul S. 15 years

Diana J. 26 years

Nan T. 32 years

Evey W. 34 years

Sam A. 35 years

Pat T. 38 years

Wade O. 38 years

Hopi Group

Rod R. 24 years

Sharon B. 26 years

Tom D. 26 years

Sue D. 37 years

Bruce J. 38 years



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