



the Desert Lifeline

June 2012

A publication of the Central Intergroup Office
of the Desert serving the Coachella Valley.

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Intergroup Meeting

1st Thursday of the month, 7 p.m.

Board of Directors Meeting

3rd Thursday of the month,
6:30 p.m.

General Service, District 9

3rd Sunday of the month, 4PM

Fellowship Hall

45940 Portola Ave.

Palm Desert

Mailing Address: P O Box 3684

Palm Desert 92261-3684

Hospitals & Institutions

Last Wednesday of the month, 6:00 p.m.

Fellowship Hall

45940 Portola Ave.

Palm Desert

Mailing Address: P O Box 1843

Palm Desert 92261

Mid-Southern California Area (MSCA)

P O Box, 51446, Irvine CA 92619-1446

Web site: www.msca09aa.org

The **General Service Office**, P O Box 459,

Grand Central Station NY 10163

Web site: www.aa.org

Step

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

Tradition

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

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.

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Principle Six

Willingness - disposed or consenting; inclined;
cheerfully consenting or ready

April Office Statistics

Meeting Info	129
12 Step Calls	3
Visitors	87
Literature Sales	226
Al-Anon	1
Other 12 Step	1
Misc.	39
Business	36

Answering Service

12 Step	1
Meeting Info	15
Other	3
TOTAL:	540

***Thanks to all who are of service.
It makes a difference!***

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Please submit your material for *The Desert Lifeline* to:
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April 2012

Dolores L	1
Ernie E	1
Karla E	1
Lauren	1
Melissa G	3
Nang W	3
Phil U	4
Paul	5
Lynda B	6
Lorrie	12
Betsy F	16
Willie	18
Gerry G	23
Pat P	25



Dallas Ann E	26
Barney M	30
Tom M	31
Sandy W	32
Harvey	37
Bernie	44
Oops - missed in March	

Chip W 24

We thank all of the birthday celebrants for their contributions to the Central Office Birthday Club.

FINALLY!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Central Office is now accepting credit cards for purchases!

\$5.00 minimum purchase.

You no longer need to make sure you have enough cash or a check when coming to the office.

You can also make **Faithful Fiver donations** ,
Group Contributions (just like AA World Services) and
Birthday Club donations online -

just follow the link on the home page (www.aainthedesert.org)!

Also possibly coming in the future

a complete **online bookstore** of all materials that we have available in the office.

**Please call and let us know if you'd like an online store or go to our web site and cast your vote.
We will not implement an online store unless you tell us that you want it!**

Step Six

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

After completing Step 5, I embarked on the journey of Step 6. While I welcomed the demise of some of my character defects there were some that I held onto strongly because they were part of my character for most of my life. It was like getting saying goodbye to an old friend; it's hard to do. Staying sober on a continuous basis with some happiness and serenity is all about changing your perception on how you see yourself from within. I had to be willing to have God remove all my defects of character that were part of my drinking past if I wanted to stay sober and be happy, joyous and free. Unfortunately, in the first ten years of my sobriety, I held on to some of these character defects, which brought me to my knees and an understanding of Emotional Sobriety. I could have easily gone out and gotten drunk. Fortunately I called a close friend in AA, and we met and talked about the incident I just experienced. I did Step 6 over again and finally let go of the old demons.

It's very important to toss out every defect of character within you if you want to be happy, joyous and free in sobriety. After learning emotional sobriety in my tenth year of sobriety my AA journey has been awesome. So many new doors have opened up since then in my AA way of life.

Dave K
Joshua Tree Fellowship Hall, Joshua Tree

Alcoholics Anonymous gave me a second chance at having a first class life!

At this meeting everyone is a chairperson. So, when the meeting is over, will each of you please pick up your chair and stack it against the wall?

We now carry the "fancy" chips (tri- plate chips) for ALL years from 1 - 50!!

**Central Office will be closed on Sunday,
July 1, 2012, for annual inventory.**



**A.A. was founded on the premise
that it would be self-supported
through member contributions.**

**For the past 48 years, contributing a
single dollar has been almost a tradition.**



Today's dollar has only 16 cents of the
purchasing power of a 1960's dollar.



1960...	\$1.00
1970...	\$1.00
1980...	\$1.00
1990...	\$1.00
2000...	\$1.00
2008...	\$2.00

Acknowledging these economic facts,
why not responsibly compensate

**BY DROPPING IN
2 BUCKS FOR 2012?**

For those who can't afford it, the important thing is to keep coming back.

3rd ANNUAL HI-DESERT RoundUp Saturday October 6 2012

YUCCA ROOM

Yucca Valley Senior Center
57090 29 Palms Highway
Yucca Valley, CA 92284

- * Register at NO charge!!
- * Coffee and Donuts at 8:30 am
- * Opening and Closing Speakers
- * AA Workshop Topics and Participation
- * FREE Lunch
- * Sobriety Countdown
- * Signed Big Book Giveaway
- * AA Literature Available
- * Archives
- * Al-Anon participation: Literature
- * ... and more !!!



How To Get Your Meeting Listed in the Central Office Directory

This list is confidential and is furnished for the convenience of A.A.s in locating meetings. It is not to be used for any other purpose.

Groups listed in this meeting directory are registered at their own request, providing they have no other group affiliation, receive no outside support and intend to follow the suggested A.A. program for group operation.

A directory listing does not constitute or imply approval or endorsement of any group's approach to, or practice of, the traditional A.A. program.

The Central Intergroup Office of the Desert Board of Directors set the following guidelines to list meetings in its directory:

1. The group should be in existence for 90 days or more.
2. The meeting should be listed with the Central Intergroup of the Desert Office annually or as often as listing details change. Officer or secretary contacts must register with full name, home address and phone number changes.
3. All members of a group are alcoholics, and all alcoholics are eligible for membership.
4. As a group, they are fully self-supporting.
5. The group's primary purpose is to help alcoholics recover through the Twelve Steps.
*And from page 18 of the pamphlet - "The AA Group:"

The primary purpose of any A.A. group is to carry the A.A. message to alcoholics. Experience with alcohol is one thing all A.A. members have in common. It is misleading to hint or give the impression that A.A. solves other problems or knows what to do about addiction to drugs.

Our A.A. group conscience, as voiced by the General Service Conference, has recommended that "family" meetings, "double trouble" and "alcohol and pill" meetings not be listed in our A.A. directories."

6. As a group, they have no outside affiliation.
7. As a group, they have no opinion on outside issues.
8. As a group, their public relations policy is based on attraction rather than promotion, and they maintain personal anonymity at the level of press, radio, television, and film.

The Difference Between Open and Closed A.A. Meetings

*from page 11 of the pamphlet – The A.A. Group

Closed meetings are for A.A. members only, or for those who have a drinking problem and "have a desire to stop drinking."

Open meetings are available to anyone interested in Alcoholics Anonymous' program of recovery from alcoholism. Nonalcoholics may attend open meetings as observers.

April Volunteers at Central Office

Ana B
Ann T
BJ C
Bryan T
Carole C
Dallas Ann E
Dave O
Dean B

Dennis H
Diane D
Emil M
Jim D
Jimmy Who

Thank You !!

Joe G
Jo Ann M
Madeleine R
Michael S
Michael W

Patrick L
Paul A
Peggy M
Rocky H
Roger F
Steve P
Tim S
Tracy M

Thank You !!

2012
**MAAD
DOG DAZE**

With Al-Anon & DCYPAA Participation

COURAGE TO CHANGE

Friday, August 3rd through Sunday, August 5th, 2012

The Doral Desert Princess Resort

67967 Vista Chino, Cathedral City, CA 92234

Reservations: 1-(888) FUN-IN-PS



"You'd have to be a
Maad Dog in a Daze to go
to the desert in August."



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Maad Dog in a Daze to go
to the desert in August."

Did you know that there is a Hispanic Intergroup office in the Coachella Valley?
Their phone number is 760.625.9018. Their web site is www.aaintcoachella.org.
In the future, all A.A. meetings in Spanish will be listed only there.

\$4.50

Book of the month

\$4.50

12 Steps and 12 Traditions

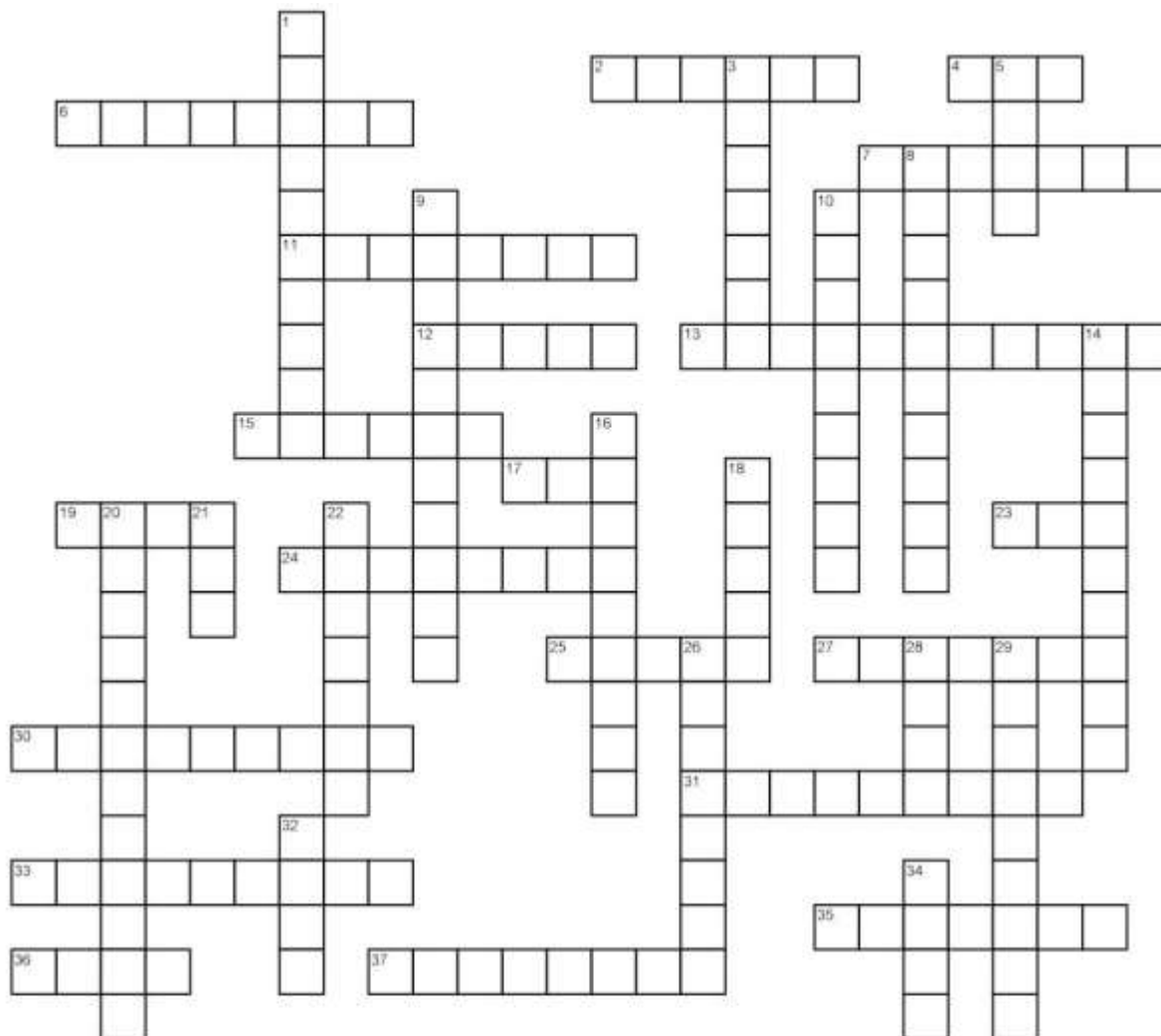
Pocket edition, soft cover

\$4.50

Normally \$5.50 - this month \$4.50

\$4.50

June Puzzle



ACROSS

- 2 soundness of mind
 4 What Happened to _____
 6 Ninety
 7 Most common occupation amongst AA members
 11 Circle and _____
 12 Intoxicated
 13 AA received this in 1951 from the American Public Health Association
 15 June conference (2 words)
 17 In the last survey, most AAs attended an average of this many meetings per week
 19 Swiss psychiatrist

23 36% of AA members are sober over ____ years

24 Circle and _____

25 It Happened to _____

27 Freedom From

30 meeting in print

31 1st AA Convention city

33 meeting in print

35 In the last AA survey, most alcoholics were this

36 As He Sees It

37 A _____ View of Alcoholics Anonymous

DOWN

1 International Convention

2010 location (2 words)

3 Little Angel of A.A.

5 Akron

8 spiritual

9 August conference (3 words)

10 Dr. William D.

14 What we can't afford

16 Step one

18 Alcohol

20 our life when we got to AA

21 New York offices

22 it is a phenomenon

26 Twelve

28 Bill's secretary

29 press, radio and films

32 As _____ Sees It

34 happy, joyous and _____

Puzzle answers will appear in next month's Desert Lifeline.
 You can also find them on our web site — www.aainthedesert.org

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.

As stated in Tradition Five, our primary purpose is to carry the message of AA to the alcoholic who still suffers. AA was never organized to be a profit-driven organization. AA should not be involved in outside interests just because it indirectly might benefit AA. As a example, if AA lent its name, or helped finance a rehab center for alcoholics, our focus might change from trying to help other alcoholics attain sobriety into running a rehab center. In business where profit drives the organization, money comes with many conditions. All decisions in AA are made by the group conscience not by individuals or committees. If AA became involved as a lender of money or property, how could decisions be made under the current structure of AA? Tradition Six is the solution. Any operation involving money, property or the name of AA must remain separate and distinct from AA. By keeping the affiliation of AA groups or members outside of AA, we avoid any possible confusion about the "only objective" of AA - helping others to achieve sobriety and enjoy the miracles of the program of Alcoholics Anonymous.

Marty F
Serenity Seekers, Friday night, Palm Desert

Dear Alcohol,

We had a deal where you would make me funnier, smarter and a better dancer

I saw the video

We need to talk



Unity Day Picnic

\$8.00 in advance, \$10.00 at the park



Sunday, July 15th

10AM - 3PM

Food - 11:00AM - 1:00 PM

Raffle - 12:30 PM

Meeting - 1:00 PM

Lake Hemet

(across from Hurkey Creek Park)

56570 Highway 74

Mountain Center, CA 951.659.2680

Tickets available at meetings and Central Office.

To get involved, call Central Office
@ 760.324.4880 or email
unitydaypicnic@aaintthedesert.org

Overnight camping available at Lake Hemet -
\$10/night per adult, \$5/night
for children under 10 - includes camping and
breakfast on Saturday and Sunday mornings.
Camping dates are July 13th & 14th.

Overheard in the parking lot (sponsor to sponsee):

"It's been my experience that the only thing I get from sitting on the pity pot, is a ring around my butt and no one to show it to!"

When I was new , my sponsor shared with me the secret of how to get off of the pity pot

YOU STAND UP!

Alcohol brought me to my knees. Which as it turned out, was exactly where I needed to be!

Dear God:

I am willing to ask the question.
Please give me the grace to live with your

Want to get the Desert Lifeline delivered directly to you via email each month??

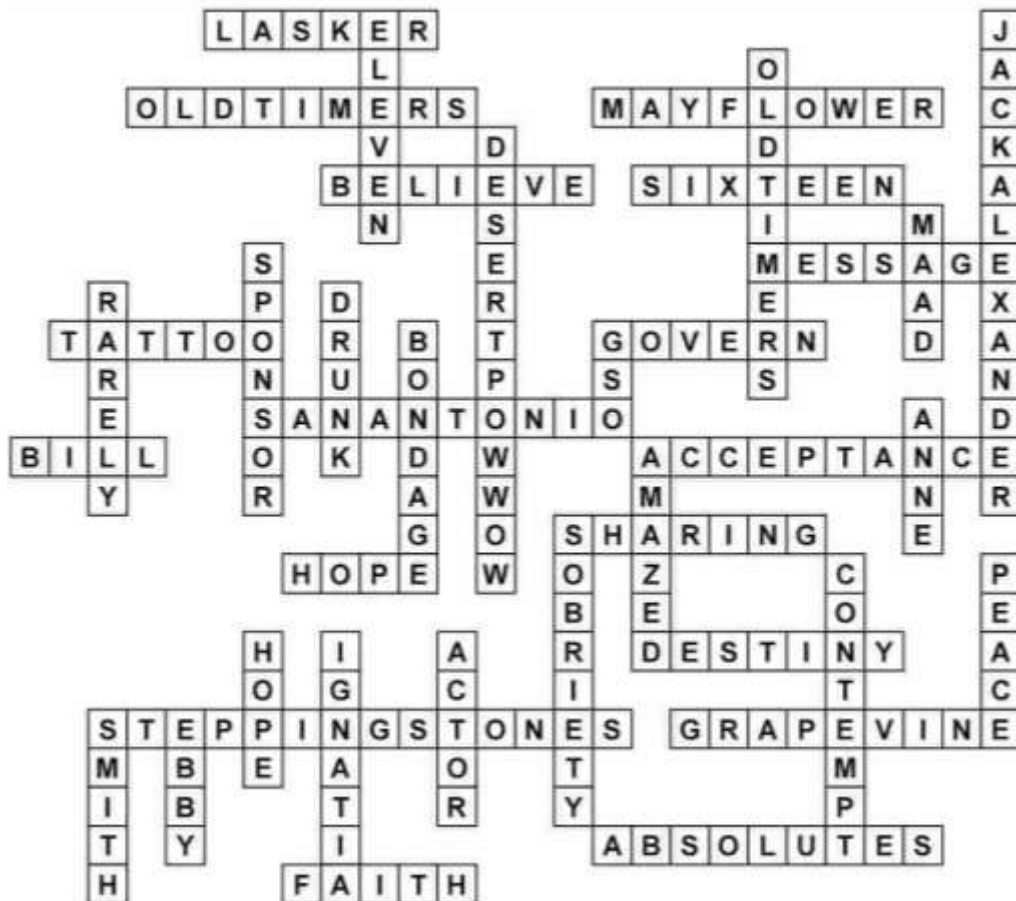
Well..... now you can.

Just go to the Central Office web site, www.aainthedesert.org, and follow the link to sign up!

It's just that easy!!

And It's FREE!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

May Puzzle Solution



NEW MEETINGS & MEETING CHANGES

Location Change:

Palm Desert, Staying in the Solution, Monday @ 6:15 PM is moving to 45500 Verba Santa Dr, Palm Desert

La Quinta, Steps to Serenity, Tuesday at Noon is moving to Hogs Breath Inn, 78065 Main Street, La Quinta effective June 21st.

La Quinta, How's Your Now, Thursday at Noon is moving to La Quinta Library, 78275 Calle Tampico # A, La Quinta effective June 19th.

April Website Usage

Unique visitors:	2,556
Avg. visits/day:	147
Avg. hits/day:	4,854
Highest # of visits in a day:	169
Highest # of hits in one day:	6,178
Total visits:	4,433
Visits per visitor	1.73
Total hits:	145,628

Visit: A series of Hits to your site over a specific period of time by one visitor.

A 'Hit' is simply a successful request to your web server from a visitor's browser for any type of file, whether an image, HTML page, an MP3 file, or any other type. A single web page can cause many Hits -- one for each image included on the page, etc.

Speaker Meetings

Speaker Q&A - Cathedral City

Tuesday Night, 7 p.m.

6/5 - Jason K - Cathedral City
6/12 - Tish T - Ocean City, NJ
6/19 - David H - Desert Hot Springs
6/26- Gina G - Palm Desert

Sobriety Capital of the World - Indio

Friday Night, 8 p.m.

6/1 - Cecelia H - Riverside
6/8 - Desert Pow Wow—participation meeting
6/15 - Zenny H - Indio
6/22 - Bob T - Santa Barbara
6/29 - Bob Z - Los Angeles

Palm Desert Group - Fellowship Hall

Saturday Night, 8:00 p.m.

6/2 - Paul G - Covina
6/9 - Bill R - Covina
6/16 - Brianna - Covina
6/23 - John M - Thousand Palms
6/30 - Kristen B - Covina

Tumbleweed Group - Desert Hot Springs

Saturday Night, 7:30 p.m.

6/2 - Marc Y - Palm Springs
6/9 - Mark R - Palm Springs
6/16 - William C - Yucca Valley
6/23 -
6/30 -

Please check the web site (www.AAintheDesert.org) for any changes since the printing of the newsletter.

I thought I was being helpful. My sponsor called it control and manipulation.

I thought I was offering my opinion. My sponsor said "the hamster's dead and wheels still turning."

I thought I was a victim. My sponsor said, "When you push other to their limit, you're a volunteer."

I thought I was being tenacious. My friend said, "You're a dog with a bone."



JOIN THE FAITHFUL FIVERS!

“When we meet and defeat the temptation to take large gifts, we are only being prudent. But when we are generous with the hat, we give a token that we are grateful for our blessing and evidence that we are eager to share what we have found with all those who still suffer.”

• Bill W.

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Yes! Please enroll me as a Faithful Fiver!

I agree to pledge!

Here is my contribution of
\$ _____ for _____ months

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

Email : _____

Please make your checks payable to:

Central Office

And mail to:

35-325 Date Palm Drive
Suite 134
Cathedral City, CA 92234

Faithful Fiver Contributors through April

We've had a total of 32 people
participate in the
Faithful Fivers so far this fiscal year,
donating \$1,920!!
THANK YOU!!!!!!!!!!!!

What are Faithful Fivers?

Faithful Fivers are A.A. members who graciously pledge to contribute at least five dollars each month to support Central Office in its efforts to carry the A.A. message of hope and recovery to those alcoholics who still suffer in the Coachella Valley. As a Faithful Fiver, your personal contribution can and will make our vital services possible.

The Faithful Fiver idea came about when we remembered that we wasted much more than five dollars each month during our drinking days. Your contribution will help Central Office provide the services necessary to carry the message of Alcoholics Anonymous.

Faithful Fiver members who pledge at least \$5.00 per month annually will receive, if they so choose, a subscription to our monthly newsletter, *The Desert Lifeline*.

Contributions are limited to \$3,000 per member per year* and are tax deductible under Internal Revenue Code: § 501 (c)3

*Page 9—Self-Support Pamphlet

You can also contribute to the Faithful Fivers via credit card on the web site!

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.

“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.”

In reviewing the principles embodied in Concept 6, it is important to remember that it would not be practical for A.A. groups to act decisively respecting world service affairs. Therefore, the A.A. groups have delegated a great amount of active authority and responsibility to their Conference. In turn, the Conference delegates a liberal administrative authority to the General Service Board, in order that the Trustees may act freely and effectively in the absence of the Conference itself.

The Conference is the most influential group of world servants that A.A. has, but the A.A.’s Board of Trustees should be as an influential group as the total Conference. Therefore, Concept 6 takes into consideration the importance of the influence the Board of Trustees has over our active service corporations. Consequently, Concept 6 considers carefully the kind and degree of authority, responsibility, leadership, and legal status the Trustees must possess in order to function at top effectiveness over the years to come. In addition, clear definitions are provided in Concept 10 as related to the several kinds of professional and financial skills that will always be required for a balanced trusteeship.

Furthermore, Concept 6 details how the Trustees are related to the Conference and the A.A. Service Corporations. Of course the conference charter has no desire to freeze these relations into a rigid pattern. The authors of the original charter recognized the future may reveal flaws that we do not yet envision. New conditions may require refinements or even considerable alterations. Therefore, the service Charter is capable to be readily amended by the Conference itself. The Conference as well as the Board of Trustees based their arrangements out of experience. When this is done, A.A. shall not be hampered later on by such a lack of misunderstanding that we could be tempted into hasty or unwise amendments.

Concept 6 provides for a more specific examination of the need for wide latitude of administrative freedom for the Trustees of the General Service Board. The Charter has reinforced this provisions by granting to all world service bodies, including the Trustees, the traditional Rights of “Decision,” “Participation,” and “Appeal.” There cannot leave little doubt what the actual administrative responsibilities of the Trustees are; nor any question that their authority in this area is large indeed.

Finally, Concept 6 allows A.A. to hold the Trustees responsible for all our service activities, world-wide public relations, the active guardians of our Twelve Traditions, and are A.A.’s bankers. With the professional expertise and the subsequent latitude to perform their duties, the Trustees of the General Service Board ensure that Alcoholics Anonymous will always be there for current and potential alcoholics all over the world.

John T
Just The Black Print Big Book Study, Rancho Mirage

Central Office of the Desert Profit & Loss YTD Comparison

April 2012

	Apr 12	Jul '11 - Apr 12
Ordinary Income/Expense		
Income		
Anonymous Donations	245.27	641.70
Birthday Contributions	212.50	1,791.85
Convention Contributions		
Desert Men's Banquet	0.00	536.00
Desert Pow Wow	0.00	5,000.00
Gratitude Dinner		
Miscellaneous	0.00	105.00
Raffle	0.00	1,294.02
Soda Sales	0.00	377.00
Ticket Sales	0.00	8,920.00
Total Gratitude Dinner	0.00	10,696.02
Maad Dog Daze	0.00	361.90
Unity Day Picnic	0.00	499.00
Total Convention Contributions	0.00	17,092.52
Faithful Fivers	70.00	1,920.00
Group Contributions	4,235.45	43,070.57
Interest	9.23	751.05
Intergroup & Service Contrib.	48.00	430.08
Misc. Income	0.00	17.47
Printing Income	0.00	10.00
Sales Income		
Literature Sales		
Books	3,542.25	37,969.93
Miscellaneous	78.00	1,092.00
Pamphlets	246.40	1,212.95
Schedules	370.50	2,448.31
Total Literature Sales	4,237.15	42,723.19
Medallions	1,985.85	16,685.15
Sobriety Card	165.00	1,725.00
Total Sales Income	6,388.00	61,133.34
Total Income	11,208.45	126,858.58
Gross Profit	11,208.45	126,858.58
Expense		
Answering Service	133.87	1,138.95
Bank Charges		
Returned Check	0.00	7.00
Bank Charges - Other	0.00	7.00
Total Bank Charges	0.00	14.00
Computer		
Dial up/DSL	36.99	369.81
Parts and supplies	254.70	755.67
Website	0.00	10.00
Total Computer	291.69	1,135.48
Convention/Fundraising Expenses		
Desert Women's Banquet	0.00	141.10
Gratitude Dinner		
Coffee Supplies	0.00	44.13
Decorations	0.00	350.00
Food	0.00	3,031.00
Miscellaneous	0.00	62.37
Plates, Napkins, Utensils	0.00	207.28
Rentals	0.00	951.00
Room Rental	0.00	500.00
Soda Purchase	0.00	120.30
Tickets and Flyers	0.00	41.01
Total Gratitude Dinner	0.00	5,307.09
Unity Day Picnic	0.00	47.99
Total Convention/Fundraising Expenses	0.00	5,496.18

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	Apr 12	Jul '11 - Apr 12
Credit Card Fees	49.40	318.80
Depreciation		
Depreciation - Copier	78.23	1,099.30
Depreciation - Leasehold Improv	91.42	896.20
Total Depreciation	169.65	1,995.50
Liability Insurance	0.00	951.00
Manager Education	0.00	707.02
Newsletter Expense	197.66	1,804.67
Office Expense		
Cleaning	100.00	1,000.00
Office Supplies	182.42	2,658.64
Office Expense - Other	0.00	482.30
Total Office Expense	282.42	3,176.34
Payroll Expenses		
Insurance - Health Insurance	733.00	7,330.00
Insurance - Worker's Comp	0.00	613.00
Salaries	2,990.00	29,250.00
Taxes & Payroll Accounting	336.74	3,725.99
Payroll Expenses - Other	0.01	0.01
Total Payroll Expenses	4,059.75	40,919.00
Postage	0.00	15.48
Reconciliation Discrepancies	0.02	33.75
refund	0.00	5.00
Rent	1,287.00	12,555.00
Retro Entry Expense	0.00	-20.30
Sales Expenses (COGS)		
Literature		
Books		
Cost	3,072.49	32,890.69
Inventory Adjustment	0.00	96.51
Total Books	3,072.49	32,987.20
Misc		
Cost	76.09	974.22
Inventory Adjustment	0.00	146.85
Total Misc	76.09	1,121.07
Pamphlets		
Cost	114.45	579.10
Inventory Adjustment	0.00	141.26
Total Pamphlets	114.45	720.36
Schedules		
Cost	230.93	1,529.69
Inventory Adjustment	0.00	17.76
Total Schedules	230.93	1,547.45
Total Literature	3,493.96	36,376.08
Medallions		
Cost	908.08	7,623.73
Inventory Adjustment	134.82	95.02
Total Medallions	1,042.88	7,718.75
Sobriety cards		
Cost	68.70	749.27
Total Sobriety cards	68.70	749.27
Total Sales Expenses (COGS)	4,605.54	44,844.10
Sales Tax Pd.	-0.27	-18.24
Shipping, Transport, Storage	87.75	1,015.47
Shortages	0.00	12.23
State Filing Fee	0.00	77.92
Tax Preparation	0.00	600.00
Utilities	355.64	4,108.76
Total Expense	11,519.82	120,867.11
Net Ordinary Income	-311.47	5,971.47
Net Income	-311.47	5,971.47

I'm always grateful when I can SEE the example, and not BE the example!

God has the game rigged. The givers get it all!

Some days the kindest thing I can do for my family is go to a meeting and put myself out of their misery.

Central Office of the Desert Group Contributions

April 2012

	Apr 12	Jul '11 - Apr 12
10th Step Study-THU Palm Desert	0.00	206.60
12 X 12 Step Study - THU - Cathedral City	5.88	57.57
12X12 - La Quinta	0.00	215.00
164 Group - WED - Palm Springs	0.00	85.00
3rd & 11th Step - SUN - Palm Desert	331.00	891.00
5th Tradition Dinner Meeting - DHS	0.00	50.00
Alkies Only-WED Bermuda Dunes	0.00	188.00
As Bill Sees It - SUN - Cathedral City	5.10	93.02
Attitude Adj-ALL Meetings Palm Springs	180.00	1,080.00
Attitude Adjustment-M-F Rancho Mirage AA	0.00	1,924.00
Attitude Adjustment-M-S Palm Desert	171.00	1,644.00
Attitude Adjustment-M-S PDCC, Palm Desert	0.00	2,700.00
Attitude Adjustment-MON Cathedral City	18.20	133.02
Attitude Adjustment - MON Rancho Mirage	0.00	160.69
Attitude Adjustment - THU Rancho Mirage	0.00	1,000.00
Back to Basics-FRI Palm Desert	0.00	87.60
Beginners-WED Palm Desert	0.00	159.75
Big Book Study - Wed - Palm Springs	45.00	464.57
Big Book Workshop - THU Yucca Valley	20.68	20.68
Black Sheep Group - WED - Rancho Mirage	0.00	780.89
Blythe Women's Group - Blythe	0.00	43.31
Book Study-FRI Cathedral City	19.16	187.94
Came to Believe-WED Cathedral City	13.86	159.64
Candle Light Meditation Group - TUE - PD	0.00	233.91
Carrying The Message - Mon - Indio	0.00	25.00
Coachella Desert Men's Group - RM	150.00	410.00
Daily Paradise-DLY Morongo Valley	106.00	575.92
Daily Reprieve-Daily Palm Desert	180.05	667.10
Desert Rats - MCAGCC - 29 Palms	0.00	50.00
Dolls of Valley -WED Palm Desert	133.07	328.17
Eve. Attitude Adj-THU Rancho Mirage	0.00	120.00
Fearless & Thorough-TUE Rancho Mirage	0.00	164.40
Feelings & Solutions-WED Palm Desert	0.00	42.47
Free Spirit-THU Cathedral City	21.16	159.11
Freedom From Bondage - WED - Palm Desert	0.00	186.00
Freedom of Choice - THU - La Quinta	0.00	20.00
Goals Group	0.00	120.00
Great Events-Daily Yucca Valley	0.00	46.40
Groovy Group-TUE Palm Desert	0.00	203.79
Group '48-MON Palm Springs	0.00	351.40
Half Measures-TUE Cathedral City	19.25	200.50
Happy Hour Big Book Group-FRI Palm Desert	0.00	185.87
How It Works-ALL Meetings Palm Springs	0.00	800.00
How It Works-WED Palm Desert	0.00	218.77
Into Action-TUE Cathedral City	17.64	154.29
It's A Better Deal-MON Yucca Valley	0.00	45.00
Jaywalkers Men's Stag - PD	0.00	25.90
Just the Black Print Book Study-WED - RM	0.00	511.93
Keep It Simple-Many DHS	0.00	594.88
Keep It Simple-SAT Palm Desert	0.00	1,600.00
Keep It Simple - MON - Palm Desert	0.00	87.15
Keep The Plug In The Jug - DHS	0.00	30.00
Ladies Nite Out-WED Palm Desert	210.00	697.50
Living Sober-MON Cathedral City	10.56	82.66
Living Sober-MON Palm Springs	160.95	475.31
Living Sober Group-ALL Joshua Tree	0.00	70.00
Meditation Meeting-THU Cathedral City	14.60	85.81
Men's Mauraders-MON Palm Desert	0.00	200.00
Men's Stag-TUE Palm Desert	70.00	350.00
Men's Stag-TUE Palm Springs	0.00	600.00

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	Apr 12	Jul '11 - Apr 12
Men's Stag-WED Indio	150.00	208.18
Men's Stag - MON Palm Desert	0.00	225.00
New Beginnings -MON Palm Desert	0.00	37.13
New Beginnings -TUE Banning	0.00	131.38
New Freedom - TUE - Palm Desert	0.00	275.00
No Rules - La Quinta	0.00	568.00
Oxy-Moron Group-THU Palm Springs	100.00	244.00
Palm Desert Group -SAT - Palm Desert	0.00	379.93
Pathfinders Big Book	0.00	40.00
Perez Plaza Meeting Room	0.00	1,620.00
Playing With A Full Deck-THU -Palm Desert	0.00	175.94
Primary Purpose - Blythe	0.00	108.95
Primary Purpose -TUE Palm Desert	0.00	6.00
Q & A - FRI - Palm Desert	60.70	111.27
Q&A-SUN Cathedral City	7.42	62.94
Road Runners -MON Bermuda Dunes	132.50	472.50
RoundTable Group -THU Palm Desert	0.00	24.00
Sane Saturday-SAT Cathedral City	27.60	153.58
Santa Rosa Big Book Thumpers-WED-Coachella	150.00	440.00
Santa Rosa Messengers - Coachella	0.00	200.00
Saturday's Survivors-SAT Cathedral City	39.80	270.41
Saturday Disc. -SAT Palm Desert	0.00	49.00
Seniors in Sobriety - TUE - Palm Springs	0.00	20.00
Serenity Group -SUN Palm Desert	200.24	923.12
Serenity Seekers-FRI - Palm Desert	60.00	777.50
Serenity Sunday-SUN Cathedral City	10.78	107.35
Sober Out'a The Book-FRI Cathedral City	21.72	137.79
Sobriety Capitol of World-ALL Indio	21.00	990.21
Sobriety Sisters-THU Palm Desert	115.00	115.00
Solutions Group-THU Yucca Valley	0.00	135.50
Solutions in Sobriety-SAT Palm Desert	0.00	62.70
Speakeasy BB/S-FRI Palm Desert	50.00	200.00
Speaker Q&A - Cathedral City	11.83	92.80
Spiritual Awakening-SAT Cathedral City	12.85	126.71
Step Sisters-MON Palm Desert	31.27	517.12
Step Study-WED Cathedral City	12.58	112.98
Step Study - MON - Bermuda Dunes	0.00	30.00
Step/Tradition Study-FRI Palm Desert	0.00	105.36
Stepping Stones-TUE Palm Desert	100.00	197.05
Sunday Morning-SUN Cathedral City	29.03	298.30
Sunny Dunes 5th Tradition Group - ALL - PS	404.40	4,143.15
Sunrise Celebrators-M-S Palm Desert	290.00	1,902.81
T.G.I.S.-SAT Palm Springs	0.00	888.00
TGIF - FRI - Cathedral City	0.00	25.06
TGIF Group-FRI Yucca Valley	0.00	100.00
There Is Hope-FRI DHS	0.00	97.60
ThirdTradition-THU-Landers	100.00	300.00
Tumbleweed Speaker Meeting - Sat - DHS	0.00	100.00
Turning Point-WED DHS	0.00	50.00
Twilight Step Study-TUE Palm Desert	0.00	150.00
Unknown meeting	0.00	74.00
Vets for Vets - TUE - Palm Desert	85.00	693.00
Wed NiteWomen's Discussion-WED PalmDesert	0.00	51.00
What's Good About Today? Wed-Cat City	15.57	129.00
Winners Meeting-WED Palm Springs	0.00	144.00
Women's Book Study-MON Indio	43.00	146.75
Women's Meeting-MON Yucca Valley	0.00	60.00
Women's Q & A-FRI Palm Desert	0.00	122.52
Working With Others - DHS - THU	50.00	91.46
TOTAL	4,235.45	43,070.57

**119 out of 251 groups have contributed to Central Office so far this fiscal year.
That represents roughly 47.4% of the meetings in the Coachella Valley.**

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