



# Conscious Contact

Prescott Area Intergroup: Serving Central Yavapai County

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## Step Two

“Came to believe that a Power greater than ourselves could restore us to sanity.”

Faced with the humiliation (and humility) inherent to Step One, I admitted and accepted my powerlessness and unmanageability, although this left me in a tenuous position. Powerless over alcohol? Check. Unmanageable life? Absolutely. Now what? Considering “where do we go from here”? (12&12, p.25), I was relieved to learn that Step One actually rockets me into Step Two. The first step presents a serious conundrum were it not for the solution offered by open mindedness and faith, the basic principles of Two.

When I’m all wrapped up in self (which happens often), I learned that I placed my faith in me, this self-talking mind, acting as the authority for my life (until I came to A.A.), and I was listening. I found that this lie was the house of cards I had built for many years. My basic problem is self, the devastating weakness of a mind that’s never satisfied, which only results in a “distorted perception of judgement,” an apropos definition of alcoholism. Considering the (negative) principle that “Selfishness—self-centeredness! That, we think, is the root of our troubles” (Big Book, p. 62), I have to “find a power greater than [myself], which will solve [my] problem” (Big Book, p. 45). This step doesn’t even name this power; the old timers taught me it doesn’t matter what that power is, as long as it isn’t me. I found that access to this power is achievable through an open mind, which springboards me into faith.

True open mindedness, a frame of mind that works, occurs when self is simply not in the picture. One way I began to have an open mind was to stop fighting this program. Self says that although this program works for others, it won’t work for me, so what’s the use? Plus, I’d been so bad that whatever power is out there doesn’t want anything to do with me, and this program’s kind of weird anyway. I found that “It wasn’t A.A. that had the closed mind, it was me.” (12&12, p. 26). And when self is not in the picture, Not only does my thinking change (from negative to positive), I can make a beginning to have faith in something other than me, since “A.A.’s tread innumerable paths in their quest for faith. . . if only you look and listen.” (12&12, p. 26). I never had a problem with a Higher Power, but when self-motivated doubt crept in, I would always believe in my A. A. group; here was a very evident power for changed lives, something I could see and hang onto.

An open mind also reduces my defiant nature, the “outstanding nature of many an alcoholic” (12&12, p. 31), leading me into a faith that works. When the second step showed me the fallacy of my defiance, I began to ask what this Power’s (God’s) will was for me, rather than telling It/Him/Her what it ought to be, and my life began to change for the better. In sum, “true humility and an open mind can lead us to faith, and every A.A. meeting is an assurance that God will restore us to sanity (defined as ‘soundness of mind’) if we rightly relate ourselves to Him” (12&12, p. 33).

Greg S.

## Our Common Solution

I think it is extremely important to emphasize that I am an alcoholic, and that in meetings of Alcoholics Anonymous we discuss the common solution to alcoholism that we share. If I'm "an alcoholic and an addict" and you're "an alcoholic and a compulsive overeater" and the person leading the meeting is "an alcoholic and a compulsive gambler," we begin to lose our commonality. I become slightly different from you -- an attitude that I believe is potentially fatal.

c. - The Best of the Grapevine [Vol. 3], pp. 248-249

## Concept Two:

“When, in 1955, the A.A. groups confirmed the permanent charter for their General Service Conference, they thereby delegated to the Conference complete authority for the active maintenance of our world services and thereby made the Conference—excepting for any change in the Twelve Traditions or in Article 12 of the Conference Charter—the actual voice and the effective conscience for our whole Society.”

## Tradition Two:

“For our group purpose there is but one ultimate authority—a loving God as he may express himself in our group conscience. Our leaders are but trusted servants, they do not govern.”

## Here's an Idea

A prospective luncheon is being organized by one of our local members for those who got sober the same year as he did, namely the "class of 1992." Essentially, he's looking for other folks who got sober the same year, and would like to celebrate their gratitude together. This certainly sounds like a great idea, and one that may well catch on.

## TRADITIONS CHECKLIST from the AA Grapevine

These questions were originally published in the AA Grapevine in conjunction with a series on the Twelve Traditions that began in November 1969 and ran through September 1971. While they were originally intended primarily for individual use, many AA groups have since used them as a basis for wider discussion.

### Practice These Principles...

#### Tradition Two:

For our group purpose there is but one ultimate authority -- a loving God as He may express Himself in our group conscience. Our leaders are but trusted servants; they do not govern.

1. Do I criticize or do I trust and support my group officers, AA committees, and office workers? Newcomers? Old-timers?
2. Am I absolutely trustworthy, even in secret, with AA Twelfth Step jobs or other AA responsibility?
3. Do I look for credit in my AA jobs? Praise for my AA ideas?
4. Do I have to save face in group discussion, or can I yield in good spirit to the group conscience and work cheerfully along with it?
5. Although I have been sober a few years, am I still willing to serve my turn at AA chores?
6. In group discussions, do I sound off about matters on which I have no experience and little knowledge?

c. THE AA GRAPEVINE INC.

### Heard at a Meeting:

**The only spiritual gifts you don't possess are  
the ones you refuse to accept.**

## G.S.R. Workshop

Hosted by Sub-District 14-140

**Wednesday, February 5th, 2020, 6:30 P.M.**

Please join us for an introduction to General Service in AA!  
We'll be covering topics such as:

- What is a GSR, and what do they do?
- What is a District or Sub-District?
- How our General Service structure operates

First Christian Church 1230 Willow Creek Rd.  
Food & Drinks will be provided. Everyone is welcome!

## Yuma Roundup

### "Sunlight of the Spirit"

February 21, 22 & 23, 2020

Yuma Civic Center

[www.yumaroundup.org](http://www.yumaroundup.org)

**Bill O. 541 771-5145**

## PRAASA

Pacific Regional Alcoholics Anonymous Service Assembly

Hosted by Area 03 in Tucson, AZ

**March 6 - 8, 2020**

The Westin La Paloma Resort & Spa  
3800 East Sunrise Drive, Tucson, Arizona 85718

**[www.PRAASA.org](http://www.PRAASA.org)**

## Arizona Area 03

### 20th Annual Corrections Conference "20-20: A VISION FOR YOU"

March 20 & 21, 2020

All Saints of the Desert Episcopal Church  
9502 W. Hutton Dr., Sun City, AZ

[www.area03.org](http://www.area03.org)

**[Correctionsconference@area03.org](mailto:Correctionsconference@area03.org)**

### 30th Annual West Valley Roundup "Rocketed Into the Fourth Dimension"

March 20, 21 & 22, 2020

Lake Pleasant Regional Park

**[www.westvalleyroundup.com](http://www.westvalleyroundup.com)**

## Verde Valley Roundup

April 24th - 26th, 2020

Jackpot Ranch  
2025 W Reservation Loop Rd, Camp Verde, AZ

**[www.verdevalleyroundup.org](http://www.verdevalleyroundup.org)**



## February AA Birthdays



### Working Girls

Eileen E. 2/03/85

### Sunday Round Table

John M. 2/12/91

### PV Lushes T' Ladies

Jill W. 2/11/08

### Chino Valley AA

Chris 2/10/19

### PV Sun. No Name Group

Jody J. 2/24/16

### Tues. Nite Step Study

Carrie L. 2/02/06

Gregg M. 2/24/82

### Sun Morn Men's Stag

Ray K. 2/09/97

Jon H. 2/15/88

### PV Noon Group

Lesli B. 2/07/14

Emily K. 2/05/14

Stan P. 2/04/04

### PV Tues. Noon Group

Donna 2/08/05

Uz J. 2/03/05

Bob H. 2/19/89

### Park Ave

Katie K. 2/11/19

Carlos A. 2/14/97

Ruth 2/09/91

Caroline K. 2/27/87

### PV Friday Night Speakers

Christina C. 2/27/19

Pat M. 2/01/19

Devon Z. 2/19/17

Brad B. 2/21/11

Dan S. 2/16/81

### Humboldt Men's Stag

Robert B. 2/23/16

Daniel W. 2/02/13

Dominic B. 2/06/12

Justin G. 2/12/08

Dean B. 2/18/82

### Alternatives

Mark K. 2/08/11

Lori 2/14/06

Ed M. 2/28/82

Bob Jr. 2/03/73

Luke 2/17/72

### Prescott Group

Beth F. 2/24/10

Matt G. 2/13/09

Ira N. 2/19/08

Ryan H. 2/19/07

Justin B. 2/08/06

### Girlye Birds

Connie B. 2/21/19

CJ 2/12/17

Kate W. 2/20/08

Cathy N. 2/12/06

Mary T. 2/26/05

Kay B. 2/27/01

Hope M. 2/20/96

Susan C. 2/04/77

### Serenity at Sunrise

George Sk. 2/20/18

Matthew W. 2/26/16

Brad B. 2/21/11

Patty S. 2/14/03

John M. 2/12/91

Charlie L. 2/04/89

Roger N. 2/23/87

Gregg M. 2/25/82



## CELEBRATE SOBRIETY!

Please help us update our AA birthday list!

Being the birthday chairperson for your group is a great way to be of service!

Email, mail, or bring in a copy of your group's updated birthday list to the Intergroup Office.

Sign up for our monthly milestone email update.

# Service Corner

Look back and be grateful.

Look ahead and be hopeful.

Look around and be helpful.

### Next Intergroup Meeting:

6:30 pm, Wednesday, February 12, 2020  
(the second Wednesday of every month)  
at the First Christian Church, 1230 Willow Creek Rd.

### Next District 14-140 GSR Meeting

Wednesday, 6:30 pm, February 5, 2020  
(the first Wednesday of the month)  
at the First Christian Church, 1230 Willow Creek Rd.

### Next District 14-142 GSR Meeting

6:30 pm, Tuesday, February 4, 2020  
(the first Tuesday of every month)  
Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 7763 E. Long Look, PV

### Prescott Shoestring Roundup Committee

5:30 pm, Friday, February 21, 2020  
(the third Friday of each month)  
Unity Church, 145 S. Arizona Ave. @ Goodwin

### PI / CPC Committee

(Public Information/Cooperation with the Professional Community)  
Meetings scheduled as needed  
Prescott Area Intergroup, 240 S. Montezuma #108  
Contacts: Larry W. (928) 499-2936 or the  
Prescott Area Intergroup Office (928) 445-8691.

### The Prescott Area Intergroup's Treatment Facilities Committee Meeting

6:45 pm, February 5 & 19, 2020  
(the first and third Wednesday of the month)  
Treehouse, 635 1st St., Prescott  
For information on how you can be of service on this  
committee please call Tom M. (561) 389-3232

### The Prescott Area Intergroup's Correctional Facilities Committee

For Yavapai County Juvenile Justice Center AA meeting  
information call Jerry D. 928 636-9343

## Prescott Area Intergroup's 2019 YTD Treasurer's Report

GROUP DONATIONS	YTD	GROUP DONATIONS	YTD	OTHER INCOME	YTD
4 Directions Grp	\$400.00	Step Stories	\$300.00	AA Birthday Gratitude	\$557.00
A Way Out Group	\$153.15	Sun. AM Men's Stag	\$1,260.00	Alcathon	\$346.00
Afterwards Group	\$1,323.49	Sunday Morning AA Solutions	\$125.00	Anonymous IG Donation	\$607.36
Alternatives	\$235.50	Sunny Days	\$373.93	Literature Sales	\$12,301.05
Amity Group	\$49.00	The Great Fact	\$1,479.82	Chips Etc.	\$3,377.00
ASCYPAA	\$408.43	The Slice Of Life	\$1,050.00	Meeting Directory Sales	\$353.50
Bradshaw Seniors Meeting	\$696.35	Thurs Men's Stag	\$92.21	Newsletter Sales	\$150.00
Candlelight Meeting	\$42.00	Toolbox Group	\$893.00	Picnics	\$1,492.67
Carry This Message	\$975.86	Tues Night Book Study	\$450.00	<b>TOTAL OTHER INCOME</b>	<b>\$19,184.58</b>
Chino Valley AA	\$1,000.00	Tuesday Night Step Study	\$270.00	<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$58,154.30</b>
Coming Home	\$87.00	Upon Awakening	\$50.00	<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$62,217.08</b>
Cordes Lakes Group	\$20.00	Walking Through Hell	\$100.00	<b>INCOME LESS EXPENSES</b>	<b>-\$4,062.78</b>
Cordes Lakes Whatever Grp	\$40.00	Whipple Group	\$41.00		
Crazy Birds	\$674.15	Women's Gratitude Luncheon	\$50.00	<b>Total Monies 12/31/19</b>	<b>\$34,893.35</b>
District 14-140	\$350.00	Working Girls	\$135.00	<b>Literature &amp; Chips Value</b>	<b>\$8,741.00</b>
Early Risers	\$191.00	Yarnell On the Mtn Grp	\$70.00		
Freebirds	\$324.00	Young Peoples Meeting	\$300.00		
Friday Big Book Solutions	\$105.00	<b>November Gratitude</b>			
Girlye Birds	\$1,025.00	Afterwards Group	\$136.00		
Healing the Hole in the Soul	\$478.29	Alternatives Group	\$88.00		
Humboldt Men's Stag	\$500.00	Bradshaw Seniors	\$13.00		
Intergroup Meeting	\$437.41	Carry This Message	\$45.00		
Noon BB Discussion	\$1,474.33	Chino Group	\$49.00		
Old Shoe (Skull Valley)	\$372.00	Crazy Birds	\$50.00		
Open AA Meeting	\$500.00	Early Risers in Recovery	\$20.00		
Park Avenue Group	\$1,650.79	Girlye Birds	\$214.22		
Prescott Group	\$575.00	Humboldt Men's Stag	\$91.40		
Prescott Shoestring Roundup	\$4,500.00	Noon BB Discussion	\$82.00		
Principles B4 Your Personality	\$1,600.00	Park Ave.	\$194.00		
PV As Bill Sees It	\$274.00	Paulden Group	\$24.00		
PV Diamonds in the Rough	\$200.00	Prescott Group	\$29.00		
PV Friday Night Speaker Mtg.	\$720.00	PRESCYPAA	\$50.00		
PV Gut Rap Group	\$250.00	PV Friday Night Speaker	\$311.31		
PV Keep It Simple	\$392.55	PV Gut Rap	\$85.00		
PV Lushes t' Ladies	\$464.70	PV Keep It Simple	\$23.00		
PV Men's Book Study	\$300.00	PV Noon Group	\$119.00		
PV No Name Group	\$104.00	PV Sunday Nooners	\$14.00		
PV Noon Group	\$665.00	Round Table Meeting	\$75.55		
PV Roadmap To Recovery	\$325.00	Serenity At Sunrise	\$720.20		
PV Sunday Nooners	\$400.00	Step Stories	\$40.00		
PV Wed Step Study	\$140.00	Sun Men's Stag	\$364.00		
Rarely Group	\$250.00	Sun. Morning AA Solutions	\$50.00		
Round Table Meeting	\$1,172.00	Sunny Days	\$84.00		
Seniors In Sobriety	\$681.76	The Great Fact	\$72.32		
Serenity At Sunrise	\$2,299.00	<b>TOTAL November Gratitude</b>	<b>\$3,044.00</b>		
Sisters In Sobriety	\$60.00	<b>TOTAL GROUP DONATIONS</b>	<b>\$38,969.72</b>		



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