



# Conscious Contact

Prescott Area Intergroup: Serving Central Yavapai County

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## Twelve Agreements

The twelve steps of Alcoholics Anonymous are a series of actions that I choose to undertake and apply in my life; in other words, a set of principles that I agree to. I was thinking about a particular statement in the Big Book, addressing my initial reluctance to do steps eight and nine: “Remember it was agreed at the beginning we would go to any lengths for victory over alcohol” (p. 76). To me, this statement is of serious import—I didn’t consciously think this, but looking back, I did make a sort of agreement to give this program an honest try. A couple of definitions of “agree” is “to accept or support a policy or program,” and “to consent or accede (to); say ‘yes.’” (yourdictionary.com/agree, accessed 8/26/20).

My first step “agreement” manifested through the principles of admitting (something done with reluctance), and accepting (to submit or be resigned to) my powerlessness over alcohol and the unmanageability of my life. Isn’t this a sort of self-wrought agreement with self? When I saw the first step, thank God, I saw this as an irrefutable truth, for my life as I had been living it; I made a sort of subsequent agreement, as if to say, “yes, this is really true—I agree with this.”

I made another agreement with step two. Internally, I agreed that I could come to believe that a Power greater than me could restore me to sanity, defined as “soundness of mind” (12 & 12, p. 33). Same thing for step three; I made an agreement (and continue to agree) to make the decision to turn my will and my life over to the care of God, just for the day I’m in—today. When Bill discusses the misuse of power in step three, he presents the idea of “attempting to bring it [my will] into agreement with God’s intention for us. . . once we have come into agreement with these ideas, it is really easy to begin the practice of Step Three” (12 & 12, pp. 40, 41). Again, another practice I agreed with, and was willing to try.

Right after the very familiar “How It Works” reading, another important statement: “Being convinced, we were at Step Three, . . .” (p. 60). To be convinced is “to bring (as by argument) to belief, consent, or a course of action. . .” (merriam-webster.com/dictionary/convinced, accessed 8/27/20). How It Works basically tells the sufferer the actions necessary to recover from alcoholism. Consenting to the program, step three specifically, constitutes yet another agreement.

The point is, whenever my mind tells me that this

program is boring, or doesn’t really work, or there’s something I would rather not do (like confessing faults, making amends, being rigorously honest), I have to remember that one simple statement I agreed to at my entrance into this program of recovery, which absolutely applies today—I agreed at the beginning I would go to any length for victory over my alcoholism.

Greg S.

## 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 Nine:** AA, as such, ought never be organized; but we may create service boards or committees directly responsible to those they serve.

1. Do I still try to boss things in AA?
2. Do I resist formal aspects of AA because I fear them as authoritative?
3. Am I mature enough to understand and use all elements of the AA program -- even if no one makes me do so -- with a sense of personal responsibility?
4. Do I exercise patience and humility in any AA job I take?
5. Am I aware of all those to whom I am responsible in any AA job?
6. Why doesn't every AA group need a constitution and bylaws?
7. Have I learned to step out of an AA job gracefully -- and profit thereby -- when the time comes?
8. What has rotation to do with anonymity? With humility?

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**NOTICE:**

**In observance of the first Tradition  
("Our common welfare should come first;"),  
the 2020 Prescott Shoestring Roundup  
(PSR), scheduled for October 9 - 11, 2020  
has been cancelled.**

**The PSR Committee has every intention of  
hosting the roundup next year, tentatively  
scheduled for October 15, 16, 17, 2021.**

**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 update email.**

**September AA Birthdays  
Congratulations!**

**PV Fri Night Speaker**

Tony M. 9/20/19

**Prescott Group**

Sarah R. 9/11/06

**The Slice of Life**

Mike K. 9/17/73

**PV Noon Group**

Rex P. 9/22/98

**Seniors In Sobriety**

Bob C. 9/13/09

Mike W. 9/19/89

**Keep It Simple**

Jerry B. 9/29/03

Jimmy C. 9/10/77

**PV Lushes T' Ladies**

Janet B. 9/02/98

Maureen H. 9/15/83

**PV No Name Group**

Dan C. 9/15/09

Greg H. 9/04/09

**Chino Valley**

Dan S. 9/03/97

Lori B. 9/16/96

Darrel W. 9/07/95

**Step Stories**

Ann B. 9/11/07

Sara P. 9/26/06

Martha Mc. 9/08/06

**Sun Morn Men's Stag**

Marc K. 9/23/87

David C. 9/20/87

Dan S. 9/12/83

Doug F. 9/30/82

**Alternatives**

Tammy R. 9/11/04

Pam W. 9/05/97

Michael T. 9/27/91

Lynn S. 9/29/87

**Serenity @ Sunrise**

Jared B. 9/25/19

Will M. 9/30/18

Matt M. 9/05/18

Madison D. 9/12/17

Marc K. 9/23/87

**Noon BB Discussion**

Robert B. 9/03/02

Joe C. 9/18/02

Lynnae W. 9/27/00

Bill D. 9/07/87

Francie J. 9/09/84

**Park Ave**

Joe P. 9/30/18

Donnie H. 9/12/17

Don E. 9/29/14

Paula T. 9/08/04

John K. 9/19/88

**Humboldt Men's Stag**

Paulie N. 9/01/16

Phillip R. 9/27/15

Tyler B. 9/21/14

Nate H. 9/15/08

Ed B. 9/24/02

Eric M. ∞ 9/07/00

Larry L. 9/25/93



**Heard at a Meeting:**

**Me: It's not about how many times you fall,  
it's about how many times you get back up.**

**Cop: That's not how field sobriety tests work.**

**If you have a brief witty or inspirational  
quote we would love to publish it!**

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## Prescott Area Intergroup's July 2020 YTD Treasurer's Report

GROUP DONATIONS	YTD
4 Directions Grp	\$200.00
A Way Out Group	\$75.00
AA Freedom	\$370.00
Afterwards Group	\$150.00
Alternatives	\$200.00
Amity Group	\$30.00
AZ AA Women's Conference	\$500.00
Bradshaw Seniors Meeting	\$285.50
Carry This Message	\$192.00
Coming Home	\$75.00
Crazy Birds	\$184.00
Early Risers	\$70.00
Friday Big Book Solutions	\$160.00
Girlie Birds	\$2,080.00
God Sticks Group	\$59.64
Healing the Hole in the Soul	\$313.60
Intergroup Meeting	\$132.30
Noon BB Discussion	\$888.19
Old Shoe (Skull Valley)	\$100.00
Park Avenue Group	\$978.02
Prescott Group	\$60.00
Principles B4 Your Personality	\$300.00
PV As Bill Sees It	\$138.00
PV Friday Night Speaker Mtg.	\$340.00
PV Gut Rap Group	\$10.00
PV Lushes t' Ladies	\$169.25
PV Men's Book Study	\$300.00
PV No Name Group	\$192.00
PV Noon Group	\$200.00

GROUP DONATIONS	YTD
PV Roadmap To Recovery	\$40.00
PV Sunday Nooners	\$70.00
Saturday Night Live Prescott	\$392.30
Seniors In Sobriety	\$320.00
Serenity At Sunrise	\$2,100.00
Step Stories	\$170.00
Sun. AM Men's Stag	\$760.00
Sunday Morning AA Solutions	\$240.00
Sunny Days	\$64.00
The Great Fact	\$153.12
The Great Outdoors	\$1,021.00
Toolbox Group	\$300.00
Walking Through Hell	\$20.00
Working Girls	\$65.00
<b>TOTAL GROUP DONATIONS</b>	<b>\$14,467.92</b>
<b>OTHER INCOME</b>	
AA Birthday Gratitude	\$353.00
Anonymous	\$5,101.45
In Memory Of Howard R.	\$1,000.00
Literature Sales	\$3,307.46
Chips Etc.	\$1,082.00
Meeting Directory Sales	\$54.00
Newsletter Sales	\$30.00
<b>TOTAL OTHER INCOME</b>	<b>\$10,927.91</b>
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$25,395.83</b>
<b>INCOME LESS EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$259.36</b>
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<b>Total Monies 7/31/20</b>	<b>\$32,401.88</b>
<b>Literature &amp; Chips Value</b>	<b>\$8,575.00</b>

### Concept Nine:

“Good service leaders, together with sound and appropriate methods of choosing them, are at all levels indispensable for our future functioning and safety. The primary world service leadership once exercised by the founders of A.A. must necessarily be assumed by the Trustees of the General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous.”

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The Prescott Area Intergroup office will be open

**Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday**

10:00 am to 4:00 pm

(Closed Monday and Friday until further notice)

We will keep you posted regarding  
our local in-person and online meetings at  
**[www.prescottaa.org](http://www.prescottaa.org)**

**Please call or email us with any news  
you have about your group**