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Prescott Area Intergroup: Serving Central Yavapai County

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Office hours: Monday thru Friday 10:00 am - 4:00 pm

THE GOOD LIFE

A lot of ink has been spilt focusing on the negative nature of this terrible disease called Alcoholism (not Alcohol -wasm). And it makes perfect sense, because if we don't expose this disease for what it is, then it lies out of sight, just below the horizon, almost laughing at those afflicted (who aren't paying attention). However, the print is full of promises of a truly amazing life for those who really take these steps (in logical order form), into their lives. Consider the bold promise, "Our whole attitude and outlook upon life will change" (Big Book, p. 84). When we bring this Power, greater than any human power, into our lives, "constantly remind[ing] ourselves we are no longer running the show . . ." really taking the intent of the Third Step to heart, then we really begin to see that this Program "works—it really does" (Big Book, p. 88).

And what amazing benefits! The obsession to drink has been removed, which is something I sincerely did not think was possible (how can you not not drink?). Then there's the steadfast promise in the foreword of the 12 & 12 which states, on page 15, "A.A.'s Twelve Steps are a group of principles, spiritual in their nature, *which, if practiced as a way of life* can expel the obsession to drink, enabling the sufferer to become happily and usefully whole" (italics mine). Now, that is nothing short of an absolute miracle; if we sincerely do our best to practice these principles, One Day at a Time, the obsession to drink is gone—it is no longer there. If that isn't God doing for us what we could never do by ourselves (Big Book, p. 25), then I don't know what is.

Another dividend we reap is the Truth behind having a sober experience: "Life will take on new meaning. To watch people recover, to see them help others, to watch loneliness vanish, to see a fellowship grow up about you, to have a host of friends—this is an experience you must not miss. We know you will not want to miss it" (Big Book, p. 89). The blessed triangle of Unity, Service, and Recovery is altogether evident in a life truly worth living, brilliantly illuminated throughout the print.

Another memorable excerpt worth illuminating is the theme behind the Twelfth Step, within the 12 & 12. Living right-sized before our Creator enables those sincerely trying to grow in His image and likeness to not "be specially distinguished among our fellows in order to be useful and profoundly happy . . . Understanding is the key to right principles and attitudes, and right action is the key to good

living; therefore the joy of good living is the theme of A.A.'s Twelfth Step" (pp. 124, 125). When we practice these principles, to the best of our ability(ies) for the day we're in, we get the Good Life, right now.

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 Twelve: Anonymity is the spiritual foundation of all our Traditions, ever reminding us to place principles before personalities.

1. Why is it a good idea for me to place the common welfare of all AA members before individual welfare? What would happen to me if AA as a whole disappeared?
2. When I do not trust AA's current servants, who do I wish had the authority to straighten them out?
3. In my opinions of, and remarks about other AAs, am I implying membership requirements other than a desire to stay sober?
4. Do I ever try to get a certain AA group to conform to my standards, not its own?
5. Have I a personal responsibility in helping an AA group fulfill its primary purpose? What is my part?
6. Does my personal behavior reflect the Sixth Tradition - or belie it?
7. Do I do all I can do to support AA financially? When is the last time I anonymously gave away a Grapevine subscription?
8. Do I complain about certain AAs' behavior -- especially if they are paid to work for AA? Who made me so smart?
9. Do I fulfill all AA responsibilities in such a way as to please privately even my own conscience? Really?
10. Do my utterances always reflect the Tenth Tradition, or do I give AA critics real ammunition?
11. Should I keep my AA membership a secret, or reveal it in private conversation when that may help another alcoholic (and therefore me)? Is my brand of AA so attractive that other drunks want it?
12. What is the real importance of me among more than a million AAs?

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Prescott Area Intergroup's 2021 Christmas/Holiday Alcathon

Friday, December 24th

4:00pm - Midnight

Saturday, December 25th

6:00am - 2:00pm

Safe Harbor, 520 W. Delano

AA meetings on the hour

Please bring snacks to share

- ◆ AA Speaker Meeting - Friday, 12/24 at 7:00pm
- ◆ Continental Breakfast Saturday, 12/25 at 6:00am

Breakfast hosted by the Sunday Morning Men's Stag

ASCYPAA'S END OF YEAR EVENT 2022

Meeting @ 8pm Monster Pong 9-11

Dance & NYE Countdown

\$5 Suggested Donation for entry

\$10 Entry for Tournament (Monsters included)

Dec. 31st 2021 - Jan. 1st 2022

Prizes for Winners in Tournament

**"Dress fancy, Dress Crazy,
wear an ugly Christmas Sweater, be an elf"**

www.ascypaa29.org

Safe Harbor, 520 W. Delano Ave., Prescott, AZ

Step Twelve:

"Having had a spiritual awakening as the result of these steps,
we tried to carry this message to alcoholics, and to practice these principles in all our affairs."

Prescott Area Intergroup's November 2021 YTD Treasurer's Report

GROUP DONATIONS	YTD
4 Directions Grp	\$500.00
AA Freedom	\$195.00
Afterwards Group	\$1,166.70
Alternatives	\$100.00
Amity Group	\$501.00
Beginners 123	\$40.00
Broad HWY	\$253.70
Carry This Message	\$36.00
Chino Valley AA	\$1,535.00
Cordes Lakes Group	\$166.00
Crazy Birds	\$47.25
Girlie Birds	\$1,244.00
Healing the Hole in the Soul	\$13.00
Humboldt Men's Stag	\$75.00
Intergroup Meeting	\$61.00
Noon BB Discussion	\$1,315.00
Noon In The Park	\$105.00
Old Shoe (Skull Valley)	\$378.00
Park Avenue Group	\$1,168.38
Prescott Group	\$120.00
Primary Purpose Group	\$30.00
Principles B4 Your Personality	\$460.00
PV As Bill Sees It	\$233.00
PV Diamonds in the Rough	\$450.00
PV Friday Night Speaker Mtg.	\$872.00
PV Growing Into Women	\$114.54
PV Lushes t' Ladies	\$248.00
PV Men's Book Study	\$300.00
PV No Name Group	\$630.00
PV Noon Group	\$350.00
PV Roadmap To Recovery	\$255.00
PV Serenity Seekers	\$50.00
PV There Is a Solution	\$86.00
PV Thurs. Night BB	\$40.00
PV Wed Step Study	\$235.00
PV Welcome Valley	\$200.00
Rarely Group	\$40.00

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Rebel Ladies	\$89.00
Round Table Meeting	\$1,282.97
Seligman Pathfinders	\$150.00
Seniors In Sobriety	\$250.00
Serenity At Sunrise	\$2,120.00
Serenity Online	\$900.00
Serenity Sisters	\$17.00
Step Stories	\$182.00
Sun. AM Men's Stag	\$2,700.00
The Great Fact	\$656.02
The Great Outdoors	\$673.00
The Slice Of Life	\$410.00
Thurs Men's Stag	\$140.00
Tues Night Book Study	\$60.00
Tues Night Men's 12&12	\$100.00
Women Awakening	\$322.00
Working Girls	\$333.73
Yarnell On the Mtn Grp	\$26.25

November Gratitude

Girlie Birds	\$126.00
PV Friday Night Speaker	\$50.00

TOTAL GROUP DONATIONS **\$24,201.54**

OTHER INCOME

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AA Birthday Gratitude	\$132.00
Anonymous	\$3,598.00
Literature Sales	\$8,543.25
Chips Etc.	\$2,381.00
Picnics	\$843.35

TOTAL OTHER INCOME **\$15,497.60**

TOTAL INCOME **\$39,699.14**

TOTAL EXPENSES **\$44,229.17**

INCOME LESS EXPENSES **-\$4,530.03**

Bank Balance 11/30/21 **\$30,601.28**

Cash on hand **\$43.60**

Literature & Chips Value apprx **\$7,731.00**

Concept Twelve:

The Conference shall observe the spirit of A.A. tradition, taking care that it never becomes the seat of perilous wealth or power; that sufficient operating funds and reserve be its prudent financial principle; that it place none of its members in a position of unqualified authority over others; that it reach all important decisions by discussion, vote, and whenever possible, substantial unanimity; that its actions never be personally punitive nor an incitement to public controversy; that it never perform acts of government; that, like the Society it serves, it will always remain democratic in thought and action.