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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](http://yourdictionary.com/agree), accessed 8/26/20).

My first step “agreement” manifested through the principles of admitting (something done with reluctance), and accepting (doesn’t mean I have to like it) 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, internally saying, “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](http://merriam-webster.com/dictionary/convinced), accessed 6/01/21). 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, helping the next suffering alcoholic), 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

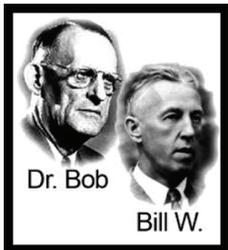
These questions were originally published in the AA Grapevine in conjunction with a series on the Twelve Traditions that began in November 1969 and ran through September 1971. While they were originally intended primarily for individual use, many AA groups have since used them as a basis for wider discussion.

### Practice These Principles...

**Tradition Six:** An AA group ought never endorse, finance, or lend the AA name to any related facility or outside enterprise, least problems of money, property, and prestige divert us from our primary purpose.

1. Should my fellow group members and I go out and raise money to endow several AA beds in our local hospital?
2. Is it good for a group to lease a small building?
3. Are all the officers and members of our local club for AAs familiar with "Guidelines on Clubs" (which is available free from GSO)?
4. Should the secretary of our group serve on the mayor's advisory committee on alcoholism?
5. Some alcoholics will stay around AA only if we have a TV and card room. If this is what is required to carry the message to them, should we have these facilities?

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**District 14 Presents:**  
**Founders' Day Celebration**  
**Saturday, June 12, 2021**  
**11:00 am - 3:00 pm**  
 (No Registration Fee)

*Join us in celebrating the  
 86th Birthday of Alcoholics Anonymous!*

**Verde Valley Fairgrounds (Arts Building)**  
**800 E. Cherry St., Cottonwood, AZ**

- ◆ 9:00 am Set-Up and Fellowship  
View AA Literature, Grapevine, Corrections and Archives
- ◆ 11:00 am BBQ Lunch \*
- ◆ 12:00 pm Trivia Games
- ◆ 1:00 pm Sobriety Countdown
- ◆ 1:15 pm Speaker: Jay S., Sedona, AZ  
Jay will talk about Hank P., "the real co-founder of A.A."  
Q & A on "Writing the Big Book"
- ◆ 2:30 pm Raffle and 50/50 drawings
- ◆ 3:00 pm Clean-Up

\* Hamburgers, hot dogs, coffee and water provided

\* Please bring side dishes or desserts to share

For more info contact:  
 James H. 928 323-2464 or Dan S. 928 899-8274

**5th Annual**  
**ARIZONA A A WOMEN'S CONFERENCE**

**August 20 – 22, 2021**

Franciscan Renewal Center  
 5802 E Lincoln Drive, Scottsdale

*Please join us for a closed AA meeting weekend conference of women alcoholics in this lovely setting.*

Space is limited to 67 women.

Your registration along with full payment must be received by July 23, 2021. Payment is non-refundable. Additional registrations will be placed on a waiting list.

\$220.00 single room, \$180.00 shared room  
 Includes two nights lodging, 6 meals and Conference registration. Meals are cafeteria style and eaten in a main dining room. Meals include Friday dinner through Sunday lunch. Please specify any dietary restrictions.

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

Please email Erica B. at [eta516@yahoo.com](mailto:eta516@yahoo.com) to be added to the private Facebook page.

If you have questions, please email:  
[cwwomen@gmail.com](mailto:cwwomen@gmail.com)

or call 928-451-2827 (Charlotte C.)

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**Prescott Area Intergroup's May 2021 YTD Treasurer's Report**

GROUP DONATIONS	YTD	GROUP DONATIONS	YTD	OTHER INCOME	YTD
4 Directions Grp	\$100.00	PV No Name Group	\$200.00	AA Birthday Gratitude	\$119.00
AA Freedom	\$195.00	PV Noon Group	\$200.00	Anonymous	\$2,150.50
Afterwards Group	\$282.00	PV Roadmap To Recovery	\$180.00	Literature Sales	\$3,335.60
Alternatives	\$100.00	PV There Is a Solution	\$25.00	Chips Etc.	\$789.50
Beginners 123	\$40.00	PV Thurs. Night BB	\$40.00	<b>TOTAL OTHER INCOME</b>	<b>\$6,394.60</b>
Chino Valley AA	\$585.00	PV Wed Step Study	\$70.00	<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$14,306.43</b>
Girlie Birds	\$396.00	PV Welcome Valley	\$200.00	<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$15,919.11</b>
Healing the Hole in the Soul	\$13.00	Seniors In Sobriety	\$150.00	<b>OVERALL TOTAL</b>	<b>-\$1,612.68</b>
Humboldt Men's Stag	\$75.00	Serenity At Sunrise	\$740.00		
Noon BB Discussion	\$199.00	Step Stories	\$135.00	<b>Total Monies 5/31/21</b>	<b>\$33,525.85</b>
Old Shoe (Skull Valley)	\$115.00	Sun. AM Men's Stag	\$1,000.00	<b>Literature &amp; Chips Value</b>	<b>\$8,602.00</b>
Park Avenue Group	\$753.03	The Great Fact	\$152.07		
PV As Bill Sees It	\$83.00	The Great Outdoors	\$339.00		
PV Diamonds in the Rough	\$350.00	Women Awakening	\$275.00		
PV Friday Night Speaker Mtg.	\$360.00	Working Girls	\$153.73		
PV Lushes t' Ladies	\$106.00				
PV Men's Book Study	\$300.00	<b>TOTAL GROUP DONATIONS</b>	<b>\$7,911.83</b>		

# PRESCOTT AREA INTERGROUP'S

## 2021 SUMMER PICNIC!

**Saturday, August 14th**

**3:00pm 'til 7:00pm**

Hosted by: *Sunday Morning Men's Stag*

*All groups are invited to help*

**POTLUCK, AA SPEAKER MEETING & RAFFLES**

**Granite Creek Park Ramada, 554 W. 6th St.**

- 3:00 PM — Potluck/Picnic
- 4:00 PM — AA Speaker Meeting

**Prize Raffle & 50/50 Raffle to follow speaker meeting**

**Please bring a potluck dish to share**

**Bring chairs and/or blankets**

Intergroup provides fried and baked chicken & coffee.

Sodas & bottled water will be available for purchase.

Raffle prize donations may be brought to the Intergroup Office or the picnic

**Be a part of fun service opportunities!**

**Arrive at the Ramada at 2:00 PM for set-up  
and/or stay after for clean-up**

**For more info call 445-8691**

**Flyers available at [www.prescottaa.org](http://www.prescottaa.org)**