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Prescott Area Intergroup: Serving Central Yavapai County

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BEING CONVINCED, ONE DAY AT A TIME

The very next sentence following the familiar reading, “Chapter Five, How it Works,” states, “Being convinced, we were at Step Three, . . . that any life run on self-will can hardly be a success” (Big Book, pp. 58, 60). Not only does our all-too-familiar reading tell us exactly what to do in order to recover, the authors assume we are convinced enough (by the foregoing 59 pages) to take on the Third Step. Moreover, by checking our (dismal) past track record, we can come into agreement of the mess we’ve made by trying to run our lives, a clear echo of Steps One and Two, which springboards us into Three.

Making a decision to turn my will and my life over to the care of God, as I understand him, is quite a daunting task. Early in my recovery, I heard a speaker say, “if I turn my will and my life over to the care of God, then what’s left? Nothing.” In my experience, likely the same as many others, I have found that this step (or any other) isn’t something I do once, and then say to myself “Well, thank God that’s over! I’ll never have to go through that again” (12&12, p.73). Thankfully, I have learned to make a decision to engage Step Three, based on my level of willingness for the day I’m in. I simply can’t consider this a “one and done” scenario; it’s a daily step, accomplished with varying degrees of success.

The entire effectiveness of this program of recovery is dependent on how well and earnestly I take Step Three (12&12, p.34), which is inextricably tied to the level of my willingness. A good definition of “willing” is “done, borne, or accepted by choice or without reluctance” (merriam-webster.com/dictionary/willingness, accessed 2/16/22). It is my experience that if I willingly engage Step Three, without any reluctance, then not only is my mind quiet for the day, my life seems to flow just as it should.

Each day we are granted is an opportunity to review powerlessness and unmanageability (One), faith and open-mindedness (Two), and then asking for my Higher Power’s help (Three). Making a decision for today means that our Higher Power is going to be the Director

(not us). Our willingness to “keep close to Him and [perform] His work well . . . [enables us to discover] that we could face life successfully” (Big Book, p. 63).

Taking this opportunity means, in the larger picture, that the “other steps of the A.A. program can be practiced with success only when Step three is given a determined and persistent trial” (12&12, p.40). My success in this program is evidenced when I make the decision to develop my willingness. My sponsor can’t do it, the fellowship can’t—that’s between me and my Creator—I am the “only one who can make the decision to exert [myself]” (12&12, p.40). This program of recovery works—I’m convinced.

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 Three: The only requirement for AA membership is a desire to stop drinking.

1. In my mind, do I prejudge some new AA members as losers?
2. Is there some kind of alcoholic whom I privately do not want in my AA group?
3. Do I set myself up as a judge of whether a newcomer is sincere or phony?
4. Do I let language, religion (or lack of it), race, education, age, or other such things interfere with my carrying the message?
5. Am I over-impressed by a celebrity? By a doctor, a clergyman, an ex-convict? Or can I just treat this new member simply and naturally as one more sick human, like the rest of us?
6. When someone turns up at AA needing information or help (even if he can’t ask for it aloud), does it really matter to me what he does for a living? Where he lives? What his domestic arrangements are? Whether he had been to AA before? What his other problems are?

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ASCYPAA's FLAGSTAFF FOOTBALL & COOK-OUT

April 9th @ Thorp Park in Flagstaff, AZ

Co-Host: SWACYPAA & NACYPAA

TOPIC FELLOWSHIP & FOOD

SPEAKER @ 12:00PM

Cookout and football to follow

\$10.00 Suggested

Food and Drinks for Sale

Be sure to check out the ASCYAPAA website

ascypaa29.org

6th Annual

Arizona Alcoholics Anonymous Women's Conference

June 10th - 12th, 2022

"We are not a glum lot!"

WHERE: Franciscan Renewal Center

5802 E. Lincoln Drive, Scottsdale

WHEN: Friday, June 10th - 4:00 p.m. registration

Sunday, June 12th - 1:00 p.m. (after lunch)

PRICE: \$300.00 single room, \$240.00 shared room

Includes two nights lodging, 6 full delicious meals and conference registration.

Space limited to 75 women. Your registration with full payment must be received by May 1st.

Flyers available at the Intergroup Office.

More information can be found at azaawc.org.

WILD, WILD WEST

37th ANNUAL TRI-STATE ROUNDUP

May 19, 20, 21 & 22, 2022

Riverside Resort Hotel and Casino

LAUGHLIN, NEVADA

TRISTATE-ROUNDUP.COM

SAVE THE DATE!

Friday, Saturday & Sunday

August 26th – 28th, 2022

37th ANNUAL Prescott Shoestring Roundup

Prescott Resort & Conference Center

1500 AZ-69 Prescott, AZ 86301

www.prescottshoestringroundup.org

Service Corner

Look back and be grateful.

Look ahead and be hopeful.

Look around and be helpful.

Service Committees Meetings

Prescott Area Intergroup

2nd Wednesday of each month at 5:30pm

Safe Harbor, 520 W. Delano

District 14-140 GSR Meeting

First Wednesday of each month at 6:30pm

Zoom ID: 619 267 7891 - PW: District14

District 14-142 GSR Meeting

First Tuesday of each month at 6:30pm

Zoom ID #896 062 8228 Passcode: Serenity

Treatment Facilities Committee

Third Wednesday of each month at 7:00pm

Methodist Church, 505 W. Gurley, Steed Hall

Prescott Shoestring Roundup Committee

Third Friday of each month at 5:30pm

Unity Church, 145 S. Arizona Ave. @ Goodwin

ASCYPAA XXIX Committee Meeting

Every Sunday at 1:30pm

Tree House, 635 1st Street, Prescott, AZ

www.ASCYPAA29.org

We are in need of a PI/CPC Committee

(Public Information/Cooperation with the Professional Community)

Call the Prescott Area Intergroup Office for details

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Prescott Area Intergroup's February 2022 YTD Treasurer's Report

GROUP DONATIONS	YTD
Afterwards Group	\$454.00
AZ AA Women's Conference	\$300.00
Bradshaw Seniors Meeting	\$100.00
Carry This Message	\$278.00
Girlie Birds	\$446.39
Humboldt Men's Stag Meeting	\$96.00
Intergroup Meeting	\$81.00
Noon BB Discussion	\$351.00
Park Avenue Group	\$172.25
PV Friday Night Speaker Mtg.	\$113.00
PV Lushes t' Ladies	\$173.50
PV Men's Book Study	\$400.00
PV Noon Group	\$362.50
PV Roadmap To Recovery	\$93.00
PV Serenity Seekers	\$100.00
PV There Is a Solution	\$28.25
Round Table Meeting	\$198.00
Seniors In Sobriety	\$163.00
Serenity Online	\$637.54

GROUP DONATIONS	YTD
Step Stories	\$62.00
Sun. AM Men's Stag	\$600.00
Thurs Men's Stag	\$120.00
Tues Night Men's 12&12	\$100.00
Women's Gratitude Luncheon	\$2,150.00
TOTAL GROUP DONATIONS	\$7,579.43
OTHER INCOME	YTD
AA Birthday Gratitude	\$71.00
Anonymous	\$264.00
Literature Sales	\$1,736.00
Chips Etc.	\$332.00
TOTAL OTHER INCOME	\$2,403.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$9,982.43
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$8,926.17
OVERALL TOTAL	\$1,056.26
Bank Balance 2/28/22	\$33,014.49
Cash on hand	\$43.60
Literature & Chips Value approx.	\$7,200.00



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2022 Carry The Message Project

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CONCEPT THREE:

“As a traditional means of creating and maintaining a clearly defined working relation between the groups, the Conference, the AA General Service Board and its several service corporations, staffs, committees and executives, and of thus insuring their effective leadership, it is here suggested that we endow each of these elements of world service with a traditional ‘Right of Decision.’”