

# Conscious Contact

Prescott Area Intergroup: Serving Central Yavapai

November 2023

240 S. Montezuma St. # 108 Prescott, AZ 86303 Office hours: Monday thru Friday 10:00 am - 4:00 pm

## Roland Hazard

Roland Hazard (1881-1945) was from a 10th-generation Rhode Island family that was prominent in the early American textile industry. He was also a Yale graduate, and very successful himself. Though never a member of Alcoholics Anonymous, he is credited with saving Ebby Thacher and bringing him to the Oxford Group. Ebby is the man who carried the spiritual message of recovery from alcoholism to Bill Wilson.

Roland's story of getting psychiatric treatment from the Swiss doctor Carl Jung is told in Alcoholics Anonymous, both the book and fellowship. Roland was an alcoholic before AA started, and sought one of the best psychiatrists known, Dr. Jung. After some extensive treatment, thinking he was relieved of the desire to drink, Roland soon found himself drunk again.

Returning to Dr. Jung, he was told he was a hopeless, chronic alcoholic. Roland begged for an answer to his problem and the doctor told him on rare occasions alcoholics of his type sometimes have a vital spiritual experience and can live sober. But these occurrences are rare phenomena. The story goes that Roland returned to the United States and encountered the Oxford Group, a Christian organization popular in America in the 1930s, gained sobriety, and eventually helped Ebby who helped Bill.

Many researchers believe there is more to this story. It seems that Roland did not encounter the Oxford group until 1934, the same year he helped Ebby. They believe he was hospitalized again for alcoholism in February and October of 1932. So, there is a question of where else Roland may have gotten help.

Though Dr. Jung planted the seed of recovery, the help Roland received in being able to carry the message of recovery was also from the Emmanuel Movement, located in Massachusetts. Therapist Courtenay Baylor treated him in 1933 and 1934. The Emmanuel Movement was a psychologically based approach to religious healing. Courtenay Baylor was the first recovered alcoholic to work as a professional addiction counselor. Though Baylor was neither a clergyman nor medically trained, he was able to bring his experience in helping others to recovery. His ideas were published in the 1919 book "Remaking a Man."

There are some questions I would like to bring up. When Roland rescued Ebby from being institutionalized, why did he take him to the Cavalry Mission (Oxford Group) in New York City? Was he at that time more connected to the Oxford Group than the Emmanuel Movement? If he brought Ebby to Baylor, in Massachusetts, would he have ever thought to seek Bill for help? While Courtenay Baylor was working with the Emmanuel Movement, the Oxford Group was the one who helped Bill and Bob get sober. The Jacoby Club was part of the Emmanuel Movement, and later joined the AA group in Boston. The alcoholics, later to be known as *Alcoholics Anonymous*, cut their ties with the Oxford Group in New York in 1937, and Akron in 1939. Roland never joined AA, and some believe he did not remain sober. He died in 1945 after his two sons were killed in World War II.

The researchers used here are: Richard M. Dubiel, "The Road to Fellowship," William White, "Slaying the Dragon," and Glen Chestnut's paper on Roland Hazard.

Article by Dan S., Prescott Valley, AZ

**Editor's Note:** Welcome to the November 2023 edition of the Conscious Contact Newsletter!

The 2023 Verde Valley Roundup has happened! Have a story you'd like to share surrounding the event? We can include it in next month's newsletter. We welcome any article submissions; we just ask that you please keep it under 500 words. Submit your contributing article to the following email addresses: [mikes\\_prescott@yahoo.com](mailto:mikes_prescott@yahoo.com) & [prescottaa@prescottaa.org](mailto:prescottaa@prescottaa.org) – In Service, Mike S.

Here's a question for your Home Group: Are we hanging onto 7th Tradition funds that should be sent to our Intergroup Office to help cover their expenses?

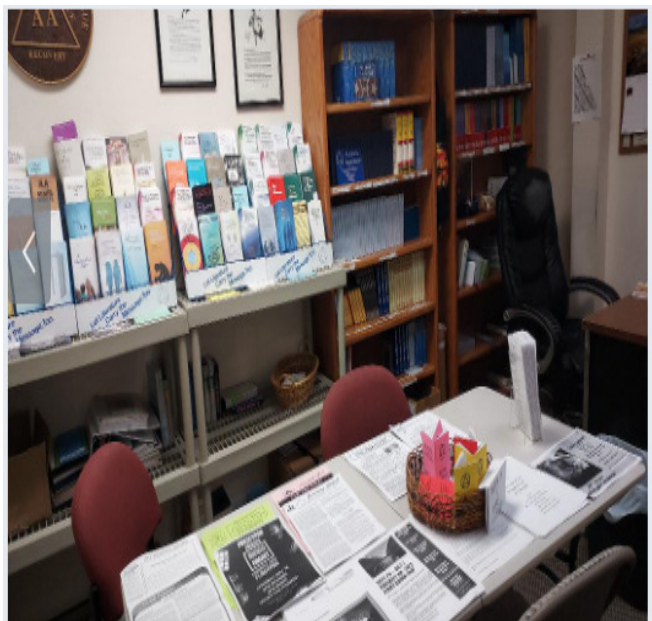
Inside that office, you can purchase chips, fliers, and books, as well as free event fliers. Knowledgeable volunteers are ready to answer any questions about A.A. in the Quad City area. You will find a friendly face at the front desk to greet you, and a busy

worker in the back office keeping our website up to date. All announcements are available in person, and those fliers are also posted on the website. The website is updated frequently during the week. Check the postings regularly so you have all the latest news. Remember to read our Conscious Contact Newsletter, which contains articles, events, and reports from our members.

Visit [prescottaa.org](http://prescottaa.org) or stop by the office at 240 S. Montezuma #108. Hours are 10 am to 4 pm Monday through Friday. There's always coffee available during office hours!

Please find out if your group is sitting on funds above and beyond the Prudent Reserve, and consider contributing some money to Intergroup, GSO, District and Area before the end of this fiscal year. Contributions benefit us all!

Interview by Roving Intergroup Reporter, Cathy N.



**Thank you Intergroup Office Volunteers!**

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| Beth B     | Kelly M. |
| Dan S.     | Kim A.   |
| Deborah F. | Mary M.  |
| J.J.       | Linda    |
| John T.    | Paul S   |

# Service Corner

***Look back and be grateful.***

***Look ahead and be hopeful.***

***Look around and be helpful.***

## Service Committee Meetings

### Prescott Area Intergroup

**2nd Wednesday of each month at 5:30pm**

**Safe Harbor, 520 W. Delano, lower level**

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### PRESCYPAA Committee Meeting

**2nd and 4th Sundays of the month at 1:30pm**

**Treehouse, 635 1st Street, Prescott**

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### District 14-140 GSR Meeting

**First Wednesday of each month at 6:30pm**

**Zoom ID: 619 267 7891 - PW: District14**

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### District 14-142 GSR Meeting

**First Tuesday of each month at 6:30pm**

**Emmanuel Lutheran Church**

**7763 E. Long Look Dr., Prescott Valley**

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### Treatment Facilities Committee

**Third Wednesday of each month at 7:00pm**

**Methodist Church, 505 W. Gurley, Steed Hall**

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**What is the AA definition of service?**

Service is an essential way to maintain quality, continuous sobriety. Service means getting involved in A.A. functions, directly carrying the A.A. message, or helping others to carry it. "Practical experience shows that nothing will so much insure immunity from drink as intensive work with other alcoholics. (Big Book, p. 89)

## Step Eleven

“Sought through prayer and meditation to improve our conscious contact with God *as we understood Him*, praying only for knowledge of His will for us and the power to carry that out.” As suggested, prayer and meditation is our principle way to improve our contact with God. In Alcoholics Anonymous when we speak of God, we speak of YOUR CONCEPT OF A HIGHER POWER. The Big Book does not say how and what God to pray to but it does have some suggestions.

Before sleep we can review our day. Did our character defects come up? Do we owe anybody an amends? Were we kind to all? After the review we can ask our Higher Power for forgiveness and ask what corrective measures can be taken?

On awakening we think of the day ahead. We ask God to direct our thinking. Many of us will read some spiritual books, such as Alcoholics Anonymous' Daily Reflection's. People who have a religious or spiritual practice will read this type of literature. Many of us learn or read some prayers we say on a daily bases, such as the Third Step Prayer or the Seventh Step Prayer. We also suggest asking our Higher Power for freedom from self-will. We are careful to not pray for our own selfish ends, we are seeking to do God's will not ours. We can pray to be shown how to help others. We do pray for God to remove our defects of character so we can be of use to Him and our fellows.

Many newly sober alcoholics do not know how to pray. Willingness and making a beginning is key. Start simply. In the morning thank your Higher Power for keeping you sober the day before and the strength to continue with sobriety today. Some of us return to a traditional religion of our youth. Direction can be found there. We can try new places of worship. Many of us get our spirituality in Alcoholics Anonymous. We find what we need in the Big Book, other A.A. literature, meetings, sponsors or fellow members. The same goes for meditation. We need not fear. A short meditation of a few minutes is all that is needed in the beginning. Remember that with prayer and meditation, as with the rest of our program of recovery, the desire of willingness is necessary. With that willingness, we continue to grow and a new understanding comes.

All people of faith have times of trouble with their prayer and meditation. We alcoholics are not an exception. I have kept my spiritual books in the night stand draw for years at a time. I thank God I have returned to these books. We resume doing our spiritual work when we can. We alcoholics are undisciplined. So we let God discipline us. “Faith without works is dead.” Our last step will show us the work we find what we need in the Big Book, other A.A. literature find what we need in the Big Book, other A.A. literature, meetings, sponsors or fellow members. The same goes for meditation. We need not fear. A short meditation of a few minutes is all that is needed in the beginning. Remember that with prayer and meditation, as with the rest of our program of recovery, the desire of willingness is necessary. With that willingness, we continue to grow and a new understanding comes.

Article by Dan S., Prescott Valley, AZ

**PRESCOTT AREA INTERGROUP, INC**  
**Balance Sheet**  
as of October 31,2023

<b>ASSETS</b>	
Current Assets	
Bank Accounts	
Business Connect Checking	10,027.37
Business Money Market	20,046.34
Cash on Hand	50.00
PISR Cash	4,669.03
Total Bank Accounts	<b>\$ 34,792.74</b>
Other Current Assets	
Inventory	8,229.17
Prepaid expenses	844.99
Total Other Current Assets	<b>\$ 9,074.16</b>
Total Current Assets	<b>\$ 43,866.90</b>
Fixed Assets	
Furniture & fixtures	10,847.49
Total Fixed Assets	<b>\$ 10,847.49</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$ 54,714.39</b>
<b>LIABILITIES AND EQUITY</b>	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Payroll Liabilities	
AZ Income Tax	202.37
Federal Taxes (941/943/944)	323.36
Total Payroll Liabilities	<b>\$ 525.73</b>
Total Other Current Liabilities	<b>\$ 525.73</b>
Total Current Liabilities	<b>\$ 525.73</b>
Total Liabilities	<b>\$ 525.73</b>
Equity	
Opening balance equity	46,921.12
Retained Earnings	1,176.63
Net Revenue	6,090.91
Total Equity	<b>\$ 54,188.66</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY</b>	<b>\$ 54,714.39</b>

**PRESCOTT AREA INTERGROUP, INC**  
**Income Statement**  
January 1, 2023 - October 31,2023

	<u>Oct 2023</u>	<u>Total</u>
<b>Revenue</b>		
Contributed income		0.00
Birthday	180.55	341.55
Event Income		21,371.99
Gratitude Month		187.00
Group Contributions	2,898.31	29,941.52
Personal Contributions	333.00	1,764.10
Total Contributed income	<b>\$3,411.86</b>	<b>\$53,606.16</b>
Investment income	8.90	40.36
Sales of Product Income	1,088.52	13,131.26
Total Revenue	<b>\$4,509.28</b>	<b>\$66,777.78</b>
<b>Cost of Goods Sold</b>		
Event Expense	53.68	18,288.08
Literature & Chips	924.05	10,612.40
Total Cost of Goods Sold	<b>\$ 977.73</b>	<b>\$28,900.48</b>
Gross Profit	<b>\$3,531.55</b>	<b>\$37,877.30</b>
<b>Expenditures</b>		
Liability insurance	176.00	1,379.48
Rent	522.41	5,303.50
Utilities	280.30	2,803.60
Bank Fees	0.95	11.49
Internet	84.99	760.65
Telephone	79.20	795.37
Office supplies		1,286.87
Software & apps	126.77	915.57
PayPal Fees		20.27
Payroll Taxes	161.68	1,496.58
Wages	2,113.50	16,496.50
Workers' comp ins	46.00	278.50
Total Payroll expenses	<b>\$2,321.18</b>	<b>\$18,271.58</b>
Square Fees	-26.55	238.01
Total Expenditures	<b>\$3,565.25</b>	<b>\$31,786.39</b>
Net Operating Revenue	<b>-\$ 33.70</b>	<b>\$ 6,090.91</b>
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**Participate in the Intergroup Birthday Plan**

The Birthday Plan is for groups or members who wish to contribute to the Intergroup Office on their sobriety or group anniversary. \$1 per year is suggested but any amount is appreciated. Members may opt to make a donation but remain anonymous and not have their anniversary posted in the newsletter.

**I GOT 99  
PROBLEMS  
BUT GETTING  
SOBER  
SOLVED LIKE  
92 OF THEM**

**Prescott Area Intergroup, Inc.**

<b>Meeting</b>	<b>October Donations</b>	<b>YTD</b>	<b>Meeting</b>	<b>October Do-nations</b>	<b>YTD</b>
11 Step Meditation	146.00	376.00	PV No Name Group		0.00
4 Directions Group		300.00	PV Noon Group	393.60	1,492.14
4th Dimension		0.00	PV Reflections		64.00
AA Birthday Gratitude	180.55	341.55	PV Roadmap to Recovery		0.00
Afterwards Group	114.63	1,650.63	PV Serenity Seekers	110.00	125.00
Alphabet Soup		0.00	PV Wed Step Study		27.60
Alternatives		0.00	Rarely Group	165.00	571.64
ANONYMOUS/Per Don	333.00	1,721.60	Rebel Ladies With Solutions		0.00
Bridge to Shore		420.00	Round Table Meeting		1,357.00
Broad Highway		401.88	Saturday Night Live		342.00
Carry This Message		0.00	Seniors in Sobriety		0.00
Chino Valley AA		2,128.00	Serenity at Sunrise	1,200.00	2,507.00
Common Solutions		0.00	Serenity Online		3,303.62
Dist 14-142	41.00	75.00	Serenity Sisters		65.00
Girlie Birds		2,187.50	Serenity Sunday Noon	10.00	40.00
Gratitude Month		187.00	Sisters in Sobriety		27.00
Humboldt Men's Stag		142.00	Step One Wed Night BS		0.00
Intergroup	40.00	301.00	Step Stories		70.00
Noon BB Discussion		1,469.30	Sun AM Men's Stag	360.00	4,150.00
Old Shoe (Skull Valley)		265.00	The Great Fact		750.00
Park Avenue Group	123.08	862.06	The Slice of Life		0.00
Paulden Meeting Place		0.00	Thurs Men's Stag		0.00
PISR		1,500.00	Tues Night Men's 12x12		0.00
Prescott Group		200.00	Walking Thru Hell		40.00
Prescott Young People		38.50	Wed Night Step Study		0.00
PV As Bill Sees It		247.00	Welcome Valley Group		280.00
PV Diamonds in the Rough		0.00	Whatever Group		125.00
PV Friday Night Speaker	150.00	1,547.26	Women Awakening		0.00
PV Keep it Simple		244.39	Yarnell on the Mountain	45.00	45.00
PV Lushes t' Ladies		104.00			0.00
PV There is a s Solution		0.00	<b>TOTAL DONATIONS</b>	<b>\$ 3,411.86</b>	<b>\$ 32,091.67</b>

**Concept Eleven**

**The trustees should always have the best possible committees, corporate service directors, executives, staffs, and consultants. Composition, qualifications, induction procedures, and rights and duties will always be matters of serious concern.**