

# Conscious Contact

Prescott Area Intergroup: Serving Central Yavapai

September 2023

240 S. Montezuma St. # 108 Prescott, AZ 86303

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

## THE BEGINNING OF ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

One can start the history of AA in many places. For this piece, I will start with Roland Hazard and Carl Jung. Roland was a well-educated New England industrialist from a very successful family. He did have a big problem with drinking. About 1930 (the exact date has been debated by historians), he visited the celebrated Swiss psychiatrist, Dr. Carl Jung. After some treatment, Roland thought he would be OK but soon found himself drunk again. Returning to Dr. Jung for an answer, Dr. Jung informed him he was a chronic alcoholic and doomed, but in rare cases, people such as himself could have a vital spiritual experience, which would relieve his alcoholism. Roland returned to the United States and found help in the Oxford Group, a 20th-century Christian organization, which stressed "surrendering one's life over to God's plan."

The Oxford Group sought to help others. Roland became active in the Oxford Group, and helped an alcoholic by the name of Ebby Thatcher. In 1934, in Manchester, Vermont, Roland convinced a judge whom he personally knew to let him have a chance at helping Ebby instead of committing him to an institution or jail. Ebby traveled some with Roland, and then he deposited him at the Calvary Mission, the New York headquarters of the Oxford Group. Ebby was told the Groupers (as they called themselves) helped other people. When asked if he knew anybody that might need their help he thought of his Vermont friend, Bill Wilson who was now living in Brooklyn, a subway ride from where they were. Ebby went to visit Bill in November 1934, while Bill was on his last binge. Bill wrote about Ebby's visit, in the Big Book of Alcoholics Anonymous. Bill soon had his last drink on December 14, 1934, before checking into Towns Hospital in New York for the third and last time. Bill had a "white light experience" while detoxing and never drank again.

Ebby took Bill to the Oxford Group meetings in the winter of 1935, and Bill wanted very much to help other alcoholics. However, Bill was unsuccessful at finding someone to sober up. When on a business trip in Akron, Ohio he felt the urge to drink, and instead of drinking, reached out to another alcoholic in the Oxford chapter there. He was put in touch with Dr. Bob Smith, a fellow Vermonter. Bob was a bad alcoholic, 15 years older, and had been hospitalized 10 times for alcoholism. Bill told Bob his story, and Bob said that was the first time he ever heard anybody speak of alcoholism

the way Bill did. Dr. Bob had one more slip and got sober; to never drink again.

These two men had the realization if they were to remain sober they must carry the message of sobriety to other alcoholics. So started the journey of Alcoholics Anonymous: *June 10, 1935.*

Article by Dan S. Prescott Valley, AZ

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

Cheers to this year's 38th PISR event at Yavapai College! We welcome any article submissions for the newsletter; 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.

## 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.

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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## UPCOMING EVENTS

For additional information go to [prescottaa.org](http://prescottaa.org)

**Sept 15-16** Yavapai County Stand Down

**Sept 16** Prescott Area Intergroup Picnic  
Granite Creek Park, 10:00a m—4:00 pm

**Sept 23** PRESCYPAA

Greed and Gluttony

Treehouse Learning Community

**Sept 29-Oct 2**

2nd annual Hum-Dewey Men's Retreat  
Mingus Mountain Camp & Retreat Center

**Oct 27-29** Verde Valley Roundup

Jackpot Ranch

Big Book, Page 132

We have been dealing with alcohol  
in its worst aspect. But we aren't a

**"GLUM LOT"**

If newcomers could see no joy or  
fun in our existence, they wouldn't  
want it.

### **Thank you Intergroup Office Volunteers!**

Beth B

Kelly M.

Dan S.

Kim A.

Deborah F.

Mary M.

J.J.

Michael A.

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)

DOORS ~ a poem by Zandria V.

THEY truly hear me  
and relate to the pain  
that brought me to my knees  
But I'm ready to live again

Every time that I walk  
through those two doors  
I become even stronger  
than the day before

Those doors are opened  
with a hug and a smile  
I feel more connected  
that I have in a while

The fellowship that thrives  
within these four walls  
surrounds me with strength  
and the best part of all

Is that I get to feel  
the love in my soul ♥  
that YOU'VE all provided  
Once again, I feel whole

So I thank you right now  
with tears in my eyes  
you've given me wings  
So now I can FLY

GOD... bless these four walls  
and all those within  
And know that we all  
start HERE to begin

Prescott Intergroup Shoestring Roundup  
(PISR)

Roving Reporter here, with a big HOORAY for an amazing Prescott Intergroup Shoestring Roundup (PISR)! The Yavapai College campus was a perfect location for the 500 participants this year. And the PISR Committee should be very pleased with all aspects of the event. The Hospitality Room was packed with endless supplies of food and drink—way to go team. And so much coffee! The Marathon Meetings ran like clockwork. The main speakers were AMAZING!

The Al-anon participation was fantastic. We added workshops, and we'll do it again next year. The basket raffle came together in record time, generating significant contributions, as did the 50/50 raffle. We have scholarship money for next year!

Incredible entertainment choices got everyone humming and dancing. T-shirts were flying off the sales table! And registration was as smooth as silk—simply incredible. **Kudos** to this year's committee. If you weren't on the organization this year, don't hesitate to volunteer for next year; you'll be glad you did!

by Catherine N.





Prescott Area Intergroup, Inc.  
Balance Sheet  
as of August 31, 2023

**ASSETS**

<b>Current Assets</b>	
<b>Bank Accounts</b>	
Business Connect Checking	15,565.62
Business Money Market	10,532.21
Cash on Hand	50.00
<b>Total Bank Accounts</b>	<b>\$ 26,147.83</b>
<b>Other Current Assets</b>	
Inventory	7,703.27
Prepaid expenses	728.49
<b>Total Other Current Assets</b>	<b>\$ 8,431.76</b>
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>\$ 34,579.59</b>
<b>Fixed Assets</b>	
Furniture & fixtures	10,847.49
<b>Total Fixed Assets</b>	<b>\$ 10,847.49</b>
<b>Other Assets</b>	
Security deposits	9,500.79
<b>Total Other Assets</b>	<b>\$ 9,500.79</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$ 54,927.87</b>
<b>LIABILITIES AND EQUITY</b>	
<b>Liabilities</b>	
<b>Current Liabilities</b>	
<b>Other Current Liabilities</b>	
Deferred Revenue	4,130.00
AZ Income Tax	244.04
Federal Taxes (941/943/944)	193.98
<b>Total Payroll Liabilities</b>	<b>\$ 438.02</b>
<b>Total Other Current Lia</b>	<b>\$ 4,568.02</b>
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<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>\$ 4,568.02</b>
<b>Equity</b>	
Opening balance equity	45,141.89
Retained Earnings	1,176.63
Net Revenue	4,041.33
<b>Total Equity</b>	<b>\$ 50,359.85</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY</b>	<b>\$ 54,927.87</b>

Prescott Area Intergroup, Inc.  
Income Statement  
as of August 31, 2023

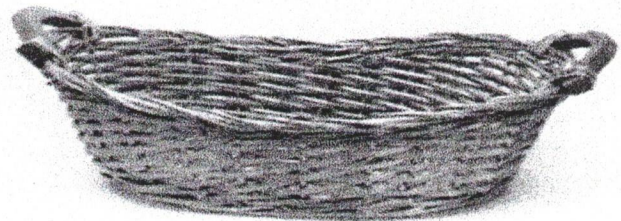
	<b>Aug 2023</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Revenue</b>		
Contributed income		0.00
Birthday	34.00	161.00
Event Income		930.68
Gratitude Month		187.00
Group Contributions	2,206.61	21,873.23
Personal Contributions	261.60	1,262.60
<b>Total Contributed income</b>	<b>\$2,502.21</b>	<b>\$24,414.51</b>
Investment income	4.74	27.02
Sales of Product Income	2,757.84	14,406.21
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$5,264.79</b>	<b>\$38,847.74</b>
<b>Cost of Goods Sold</b>		
Event Expense		830.68
Literature & Chips	1,930.49	9,012.80
<b>Total Cost of Goods Sold</b>	<b>\$1,930.49</b>	<b>\$ 9,843.48</b>
<b>Gross Profit</b>	<b>\$3,334.30</b>	<b>\$29,004.26</b>
<b>Expenditures</b>		
Liability insurance	74.00	823.48
Rent	522.41	4,258.68
Utilities	280.30	2,243.00
Bank Fees	0.95	9.59
Internet	84.99	590.67
Telephone	78.02	637.74
Office supplies		1,057.60
Software & apps	126.77	662.03
PayPal Fees	4.58	20.27
Payroll Taxes	271.75	1,237.85
Wages	1,268.00	13,114.50
Workers' comp ins	16.00	186.50
Square Fees	27.97	121.02
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$2,755.74</b>	<b>\$24,962.93</b>
<b>Net Operating Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 578.56</b>	<b>\$ 4,041.33</b>
<b>Net Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 578.56</b>	<b>\$ 4,041.33</b>

**SOBER ANNIVERSARIES**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Years</b>	<b>Days</b>
Judy V		34	

**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.



**Prescott Area Intergroup, Inc.**

**Contributions**

**2023**

Meeting	August Donations	YTD	Meeting	August Donations	YTD
11 Step Meditation		230.00	PV No Name Group		0.00
4 Directions Group		300.00	PV Noon Group	310.74	2,055.84
4th Dimension		0.00	PV Reflections		64.00
AA Birthday Gratitude	34.00	34.00	PV Roadmap to Recovery		0.00
Afterwards Group	115.00	1,536.00	PV Serenity Seekers		15.00
Alphabet Soup		0.00	PV Wed Step Study		0.00
Alternatives		0.00	Rarely Group		406.64
ANONYMOUS/Per Don	261.60	1,450.60	Rebel Ladies With Solutions		0.00
Bridge to Shore		420.00	Round Table Meeting	452.00	1,357.00
Broad Highway	44.83	401.88	Saturday Night Live	137.00	342.00
Carry This Message		0.00	Seniors in Sobriety		0.00
Chino Valley AA		1,492.00	Serenity at Sunrise	575.00	1,307.00
Common Solutions		0.00	Serenity Online		2,464.62
Dist 14-142		34.00	Serenity Sisters	65.00	65.00
Girly Birds		1,050.00	Serenity Sunday Noon		20.00
Humboldt Men's Stag		142.00	Sisters in Sobriety		27.00
Intergroup	43.00	226.00	Step One Wed Night BS		0.00
Noon BB Discussion		378.00	Step Stories		50.00
Old Shoe (Skull Valley)		265.00	Sun AM Men's Stag	420.00	3,370.00
Park Avenue Group	44.04	627.50	The Great Fact		750.00
Paulden Meeting Place		0.00	The Slice of Life		0.00
Picnic/Alcathon/Bingo		0.00	Thurs Men's Stag		0.00
Prescott Group		200.00	Tues Night Men's 12x12		0.00
Primary Purpose Group		0.00	Walking Thru Hell		40.00
PV As Bill Sees It		247.00	Wed Night Step Study		27.60
PV Diamonds in the Rough		0.00	Welcome Valley Group		280.00
PV Friday Night Speaker		1,097.26	Whatever Group		125.00
PV Keep it Simple		244.39	Women Awakening		0.00
PV Lushes t' Ladies		104.00	Women's Gratitude Lunch-eon		0.00
PV There is a s Solution		0.00	Prescott Young People		38.50
PV Men's Big Book		0.00	<b>TOTAL DONATIONS</b>	\$ 2,502.21	\$ 23,284.83

**Concept Eight**

The trustees are the principal planners and administrators of over-all policy and finance. They have custodial oversight of the separately incorporated and constantly active services, exercising this through their ability to elect all the drectors of these entities.