



The Importance of a Home Group

Early on I was told by my sponsor that I needed to have a designated, official “home group” as a cornerstone for lasting sobriety. The requirements were that I attend every week (unless sick in bed or way out of town), that I maintain a service commitment to that group, and that I participate in “home group business meetings” even when I didn’t feel like staying after or coming before. I have changed home groups a few times, mostly due to moving, but I continue to follow this direction given to me in 1973.

A very common theme behind relapse is how the alcoholic stops going to meetings, drifting away from recovery. Having a home group provides a little more insurance against doing just that. Having a home group means that I have made a commitment to myself, to my sponsor and to the group. This commitment also helps me quickly sort through any excuses about not going to the meeting. I don’t question whether or not I need to attend my home group; it doesn’t matter if I don’t “feel” like it. My current home group is Sunday Morning Stag in Prescott. I moved to the area eight years ago from Wisconsin and left my wonderful Saturday Morning “One Hour” home group. It was one of the first one hour meetings in that area, thus the name. My last service commitment to that group was as the greeter, welcoming everyone at the door. I loved that job.

Soon after moving here, I realized that I needed to find another home group. Fear set in; I didn’t know anyone, and it’s hard to walk into a meeting as a stranger. So maybe I could take a break and put off that effort? Big red flag! I pushed through the fear, picked a meeting and just showed up. It was awkward but so what? I soon began to feel a connection to a new group, and a whole new group of people.

Here are a few tips on how to become a home group member: First, show up early, see how you can help out, and say hello to those who are more uncomfortable than you. Second, stay after the meeting, help clean up, and have some conversations. Third, attend the next home group business meeting and ask how you can be of service. Boom.

I have served my current home group as a greeter, the treasurer, the “chip” person, and the “chair” person (setting up and putting away the chairs). I regularly attend monthly home group meetings, and do my best to bring a positive attitude to the group. My life depends upon the ongoing success of my home group and Alcoholics Anonymous as a whole.

I enjoy going to meetings. I like to talk, listen, laugh or cry. And of great importance, I am reminded of my condition, the truth, and the very real and dire consequences behind my thinking that taking a drink is a good idea, or the answer to my problems.

Hugh H.

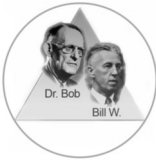
TRADITIONS CHECKLIST from the AA Grapevine

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 Five: Each group has but one primary purpose -- to carry its message to the alcoholic who still suffers.

1. Do I ever cop out by saying, "I'm not a group, so this or that Tradition doesn't apply to me"?
2. Am I willing to explain firmly to a newcomer the limitations of AA help, even if he gets mad at me for not giving him a loan?
3. Have I today imposed on any AA member for a special favor or consideration simply because I am a fellow alcoholic?
4. Am I willing to twelfth-step the next newcomer without regard to who or what is in it for me?
5. Do I help my group in every way I can to fulfill our primary purpose?
6. Do I remember that AA old-timers, too, can be alcoholics who still suffer? Do I try both to help them and to learn from them?



**District 14 Presents a
Founders' Day Celebration**

Saturday June 11, 2022

10:00am - 2:30pm

Join us in celebrating the 87th birthday of

Alcoholics Anonymous!

Trinity Lutheran Church

3950 Valorie Dr. Prescott Valley, AZ

Entrance on Lakeshore between Robert Rd & Navajo

WILD, WILD WEST

37th ANNUAL TRI-STATE ROUNDUP

May 19, 20, 21 & 22, 2022

Riverside Resort Hotel and Casino

LAUGHLIN, NEVADA

TRISTATE-ROUNDUP.COM

ATTENTION CLASS OF 1992

If you got clean and sober in 1992, you are cordially invited to attend a "class reunion" for our 30th Anniversary.

A luncheon will be scheduled at the convenience of the group.

The plan is to have introductions all around, stories and fellowship over lunch, culminating in a group photo.

If you got sober in '92 and are interested in attending this event, please contact Mike B. at 928-925-7915.

We have 16 participants and looking anyone else from our class!

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 Committee Meetings

Prescott Area Intergroup

2nd Wednesday of each month at 5:30pm

Safe Harbor, 520 W. Delano, lower level

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

Emmanuel Lutheran Church

7763 E. Long Look Dr., Prescott Valley

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

37th Annual Prescott Shoestring Roundup

2022 LOGO DESIGN CONTEST

Your artwork could become a part of Prescott AA history!

Enter to win a T-shirt printed with *your* artwork

Plus free admission to the roundup

Submit entries to: prescottaa@prescottaa.org

Or, Prescott Area Intergroup, 240 S. Montezuma #108

DEADLINE MAY 27, 2022

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

<u>GROUP DONATIONS</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>GROUP DONATIONS</u>	<u>YTD</u>
11th Step Meditation	\$96.00	Seniors In Sobriety	\$203.00
4 Directions Grp	\$100.00	Serenity At Sunrise	\$843.00
Afterwards Group	\$1,070.00	Serenity Online	\$1,912.62
AZ AA Women's Conference	\$300.00	Serenity Sisters	\$96.00
Bradshaw Seniors Meeting	\$100.00	Step Stories	\$227.00
Broad HWY	\$144.00	Sun. AM Men's Stag	\$1,100.00
Carry This Message	\$278.00	The Great Fact	\$495.75
Chino Valley AA	\$600.00	The Slice Of Life	\$381.00
Girlie Birds	\$748.82	Thurs Men's Stag	\$120.00
Humboldt Men's Stag Meeting	\$96.00	Tues Night Men's 12&12	\$100.00
Intergroup Meeting	\$167.00	Women Awakening	\$284.00
Noon BB Discussion	\$754.00	Women's Gratitude Luncheon	\$2,150.00
Old Shoe (Skull Valley)	\$130.00	TOTAL GROUP DONATIONS	\$15,068.29
Park Avenue Group	\$432.25	OTHER INCOME	YTD
Primary Purpose Group	\$40.00	AA Birthday Gratitude	\$72.00
PV As Bill Sees It	\$200.00	Anonymous	\$350.00
PV Friday Night Speaker Mtg.	\$238.00	Literature Sales	\$3,491.70
PV Keep It Simple	\$44.00	Chips Etc.	\$1,177.50
PV Lushes t' Ladies	\$173.50	TOTAL OTHER INCOME	\$5,091.20
PV Men's Book Study	\$400.00	TOTAL INCOME	\$20,159.49
PV No Name Group	\$101.00		
PV Noon Group	\$362.50	TOTAL EXPENSES	\$18,548.67
PV Roadmap To Recovery	\$128.00	INCOME LESS EXPENSES	\$1,610.82
PV Serenity Seekers	\$100.00		
PV There Is a Solution	\$53.25	Bank Balance 4/30/22	\$33,569.05
PV Wed Step Study	\$101.60	Cash on hand	\$43.60
Round Table Meeting	\$198.00	Literature & Chips Value aprx	\$9,605.00

Concept Five:

"Throughout our world services structure, a traditional "Right of Appeal" ought to prevail, thus assuring us that minority opinion will be heard and that petitions for the redress of personal grievances will be carefully considered."