## Conscious Contact

Prescott Area Intergroup: Serving Central Yavapai County

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### Serenity Sisters - by Nan W. Roving Intergroup Report

We are so blessed to live in our beautiful little town of Prescott, Arizona.

Our wonderful hometown is also home to a flourishing and active AA community. We currently have approximately seventy-five (75) meetings each week serving Prescott, Prescott Valley, Chino Valley, and Paulden. As your roving intergroup representative, it is my hope to provide useful information on a variety of meetings to help meet your individual need. This month, I'm reporting on the Serenity Sisters (women's) meeting. It is held in a small classroom at the Gateway Mall, suite 514 (across from Third Shot Coffee), in Prescott. The group meets on Wednesdays, 4:45-5:45pm. This wonderful group of ladies is kind, warm, and encouraging. It is obvious these women welcome newcomers as well as old-timers, and anyone who wants to get sober in AA. The meeting and topic(s) are based on A.A. approved literature. When I attended the meeting, the topic was taken directly from "As Bill Sees It." Extra books are provided if you don't have a copy. After the reading, the meeting is opened for pop-up sharing and participation. About halfway through the meeting, they call for any additional (A.A. related) announcements. This particular week's announcement included the preparation of a raffle basket contribution for the Prescott Shoestring Roundup. This type of support makes me so grateful to be part of this AA community. A few minutes before the end of the meeting there was a call for any other burning desires. This gives a chance for ladies who feel an urgent need to share any additional problems or victories. The meeting was closed with the Third step Prayer. If you are looking for a smaller, more personal meeting where you will be welcomed and supported, this is a great group for you. It's my privilege to be of service!

Sincerely, Nan W.

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

This month, we have two truly compelling articles from guest contributors Everett H., and Nan W.

I am happy to report an influx of fine articles from younger A.A. members, and I, for one, am really pleased with this level of enthusiasm. Keep up the memorable work! If you would like to contribute an article, please keep it under 500 words, and send it to the following addresses:

gregschmutzer@yahoo.com PrescottAA@prescottaa.org

We reserve the right to edit your article if necessary, and will send the edited document back to you for your review/approval, prior to final submission for publication.

With Love and Service,

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 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?

c. THE AA GRAPEVINE INC., PO BOX 1980, GRAND CENTRAL STATION, NEW YORK, NY 10163-1980 Intergroup Picnic
Saturday September 10, 2022
Granite Creek Park Ramada
554 N. 6th St, Prescott, AZ
12:00 pm - 3:00 pm

#### **Verde Valley Roundup**

Jackpot Ranch, 2025 W Reservation Loop Rd, Camp Verde, AZ 86322
Speaker Meetings, Poker Run, Cornhole, Bingo & more
Bring the Family, Camp, Eat & Trick or Treat
Friday 10/28/22 -10/30/22
Register today at verdevalleyroundup.org

### 34th Annual Miracle on the River with Al-Anon Participation

Lake Havasu City, Arizona November 4th - 6th, 2022 Register online at www.HavasuAARoundup.org

## Trail to Serenity Apache Lake Campout

November 11th - 13th, 2022 For more information visit our website www.HavasuAARoundup.org

The Intergroup Office is now accepting credit cards!

Contributions are accepted on our website at prescottaa@prescottaa.org

## ALL GROUPS! PLEASE REGISTER OR UPDATE YOUR GROUP REGISTRATION

Registration forms can be found at prescottaa@prescottaa.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					
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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

#### Today by Everett H.

My name is Everett and I am an alcoholic. I was first introduced to Alcoholics Anonymous when I was 15 or 16. In the past 12 years I have had innumerable sobriety dates, at least 15-20 different sponsors, and more home groups than I can remember. I've been to jails, countless institutions, and a couple brushes with death. I have relapsed an obscene amount of times. However, today I am sober and have been sober for over 11 months. My sobriety is nothing short of a miracle and I owe it all to God.

I remember approaching a man after a meeting in 2014 who said he was only sober by the grace of God and that his sobriety had nothing to do with him. That confused me. I asked him if that's what he *really* believed, and he replied with all the confidence in the world, "Yes!" I couldn't understand. Isn't he one that is choosing not to drink? Isn't it him that wrote the inventory? He's the one making amends, not God. What does God have to do with anything?! Turn my will and life over to God—what does that even mean?

Obviously, I struggled with some of the most basic things in AA, like for example, don't drink. Today, I don't regret my past. "Cling to the thought that, in God's hands, the dark past is the greatest possession you have—the key to life and happiness for others. With it you can avert death and misery for them" (Big Book, p. 124). Today, I look at my past as a gift. There are many "re-treaders" like myself; my responsibility is to show them that they are not as different as they think they are. It's not about me anymore; it's about helping fellow sufferers.

"We had to fearlessly face the proposition that God is everything or else He is nothing. God either is or He isn't. What was our choice to be?" (Big Book, p. 53). Today, I choose God to be everything. Isn't it true that God can take any situation, no matter how bad it appears to be, and make something good and useful out of it? If He is everything, why wouldn't He be able to do that? I would highly suggest to anybody who has struggled with relapse like I have to read We Agnostics—and if you've already read it, read it again.

God's plan is going to happen whether I like it or not. It's up to me to let go and let God. Nobody ever gave me a hard time when I came back again and again and again. They only said, "glad you're here," and, "Keep Coming Back." Thank God I don't need to understand God and thank God for Alcoholics Anonymous.



## Prescott Area Intergroup, Inc. August Financial Statement 2022

Prescott Area Intergroup, Inc.
Balance Sheet
as of August 31, 2022

	Total	
ASSETS		
Current Assets		
Bank Accounts		
Business Adv Fundamentals - 3018	865.56	
Business Connect Checking (8611)	6,618.81	
Business Money Market (5975)	19,995.77	
Cash on Hand	43.60	
Total Bank Accounts	\$27,523.74	
Other Current Assets		
Inventory	3,457.68	
Prepaid expenses & Security Deposits	776.39	
Total Other Current Assets	\$ 4,234.07	
Total Current Assets	\$31,757.81	
Fixed Assets		
Furniture & fixtures	10,521.10	
Total Fixed Assets	\$10,521.10	
TOTAL ASSETS	\$42,278.91	
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY		
Liabilities		
Payroll Liabilities		
AZ Income Tax	92.34	
Federal Taxes (941/943/944)	869.87	
Total Payroll Liabilities	962.21	
Total Other Current Liabilities	\$ 962.21	
Total Current Liabilities	\$ 962.21	
Total Liabilities	\$ 962.21	
Equity		
Opening balance equity	45,141.89	
Retained Earnings		
Net Revenue	(3,825.19)	
Total Equity	\$41,316.70	
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	\$42,278.91	



### Prescott Area Intergroup, Inc.

### Income Statement as of August 31, 2022

_	Aug 2022	Total
Revenue Contributed income		
Group Donations	1,602.00	3,308.93
Personal Donations	2,028.00	2,295.00
Total Contributed income	<b>3,630.00</b> 1.69	<b>5,603.93</b> 2.51
Sales of Product Income	2,227.50	3,740.65
Total Revenue	5,859.19	9,347.09
Cost of Goods Sold Literature & Chips	1,737.26	3,397.51
Total Cost of Goods Sold	1,737.26	3,397.51
Gross Profit	4,121.93	5,949.58
Expenditures		
Contract & professional fees Legal fees		600.00 1,898.76
Total Contract & professional fees	0.00	2,498.76
Insurance	100.10	0.00
Liability insurance	180.13	188.76
Total Insurance Occupancy	180.13	<b>188.76</b> 0.00
Rent	531.97	1,043.94
Utilities _	296.64	593.28
Total Occupancy Office expenses	828.61	<b>1,637.22</b> 0.00
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Bank fees & service charges Bank Fees	13.95	0.00 14.90
Total Bank fees/ser chgs	13.95	14.90
Internet & TV services	72.24	144.48
Telephone	93.57	172.57
Total Internet & TV services	165.81	317.05
Office supplies Printing & photocopying	128.28 141.38	270.71 169.64
Software & apps	56.19	185.07
Total Office expenses	505.61	957.37
PayPal Fees	63.52	75.53
Payroll expenses		0.00
Taxes	174.42	261.63
Wages	2,280.00	4,104.00
Workers' comp.insurance	25.75	51.50
Total Payroll expenses	2,480.17	4,417.13
Total Expenditures	\$ 4,058.04	9,774.77
Net Operating Revenue	63.89	(\$3,825.19)
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# Prescott Area Intergroup, Inc. Group Donations

Jan 1, 2022 - Aug 31, 2022

Meeting	August Donations	YTD	Meeting	August Donations	YTD
11 Step Meditation		211.00	PV There is a s Solution		86.25
4 Directions Group		200.00	PV Men's Big Book		400.00
4th Dimension	150.00	300.00	PV No Name Group		101.00
AA Birthday Gratitude	20.00	20.00	PV Noon Group	175.00	837.50
Afterwards Group		2,067.00	PV Reflections		55.50
Alphabet Soup		268.55	PV Roadmap to Recovery	25.00	203.00
Alternatives		100.00	PV Serenity Seekers		100.00
ANONYMOUS/Personal Donations	2,230.00	3,068.21	PV Wed Step Study		101.60
AZ AA Women's Conference		300.00	Rarely Group		1,046.55
Broad Highway		657.63	Round Table Meeting		794.00
Carry This Message		509.00	Seniors in Sobriety		333.00
Chino Valley AA		915.00	Serenity at Sunrise		843.00
Girlie Birds		748.82	Serenity Online		1,687.32
Humboldt Men's Stag		644.00	Serenity Sisters		156.00
Intergroup		252.00	Sisters in Sobriety		81.00
Noon BB Discussion	50.00	1,214.00	Step Stories	27.00	254.00
Old Shoe (Skull Valley)		230.00	Sun AM Men's Stag	420.00	2,220.00
Park Avenue Group		633.75	The Great Fact		716.42
Primary Purpose Group		40.00	The Slice of Life		381.00
PV As Bill Sees It	233.00	433.00	Thurs Men's Stag		120.00
PV Diamonds in the Rough		50.00	Tues Night Men's 12x12		100.00
PV Friday Night Speaker	300.00	1,098.00	Women Awakening		501.20
PV Keep it Simple		44.00	Women's Gratitude Luncheon		2,150.00
PV Lushes t' Ladies		329.50	TOTAL DONATIONS	3,630.00	27,142.05

### **Concept Nine:**

"Good service leadership at all levels is indispensable for our future functioning and safety.

Primary world service leadership, once exercised by the founders, must
necessarily be assumed by the trustees."

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