



# Conscious Contact

Prescott Area Intergroup: Serving Central Yavapai County

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## A.A.'s Legacy of Service

Bill W. said: "Our Twelfth Step - carry the message - is the basic service that the A.A. Fellowship gives; this is our principal aim and the main reason for our existence. Therefore, A.A. is more than a set of principles; it is a society of alcoholics in action. We must carry the message, else we ourselves can wither and those who haven't been given the truth may die.

*Hence, an A.A. service is anything whatever that helps us to reach a fellow sufferer - ranging all the way from the Twelfth Step itself to a ten-cent phone call and a cup of coffee, and to the A.A.'s General Service Office for national and international action. The sum total of all these services is our Third Legacy of Service.*

Services include meeting places, hospital cooperation, and intergroup offices; they mean pamphlets, books, and good publicity of almost every description. They call for committees, delegates, trustees, and conferences. And, not to be forgotten, they need voluntary money contributions from within the Fellowship." From "The A.A. Service Manual." P.S1. 1951. With permission from A.A. World Service, Inc.

Bill is saying that whatever we do to help is service. Let no one say they do no service. When we share at a meeting, talk to anyone, or help set up a meeting we are involved in our Third Legacy. Some get this idea before others. Newcomers sometimes do not feel a part of Alcoholics Anonymous. When we help alcoholics to recover we give them the desire to continue to carry the message. The easiest way to become involved in service is to do what was freely done for us when we walked through the door.

Sometime we hear the term "general service." What exactly does that mean? Let's use the definition on page S20 of the A.A. "Service Manual: General service - is movement-wide services, performed by anyone in the general service structure (G.S.R., D.C.M., delegate, etc.)."

This general service structure can be seen as an upside-down triangle. It starts with the A.A. groups on top. The person in the group who is part of the structure is the General Service Representative (G.S.R.). As soon as one is elected to be a G.S.R. that alcoholic is part of the general service structure, going to district meetings and area assemblies. Our district #14 (Yavapai County) has three sub-districts, which are 14-140 (Prescott and Chino Valley), 14-141 (Cottonwood and Sedona) and 14-142 (Prescott Valley). We are part of Area 03 (Arizona). There are 16 districts in the state of Arizona, one for each county and a special Spanish district for those who speak Spanish. There

are 93 separate A.A. areas in the United States and Canada. California, our most populated state, has 6 areas. Arizona has only one area like many states and provinces.

## What about Intergroup?

Where does Intergroup fit into our Service Structure? Intergroup or a Central Office is an A.A. service office that involves partnerships among A.A. groups in a community. I have heard Intergroup described as something that helps us members do 12th Step work. Intergroup does not replace the local groups contact with the General Service Office. But the Intergroup will help in the service structure by supplying forms for groups to register with the G.S.O. and Area. Also it helps in the communication within Alcoholics Anonymous. Intergroup will have an Intergroup Liaison who will have a voice to vote at district and area meetings and assemblies.

A function of an Intergroup Office is to handle A.A. inquiries. People call our office to ask for help. A list of active 12 steppers is available to reach out to the newcomer. The Intergroup office is where literature, meeting schedules, and events information are available and kept up to date. Usually a newsletter is published. Some Intergroups form committees such as Public Information (P.I.), Cooperation with the Professional Community (C.P.C), Correctional Facilities and Treatment Facilities. There is usually a paid worker who coordinates the activities of the volunteers and activities of the Intergroup. Intergroup also organizes A.A. events such as picnics and alcathons.

I have been involved in general service in our A.A. community. My time as an Intergroup volunteer has been rewarding. There are a few sober A.A. members who have reached out to Intergroup over the phone or walked into the office when I was their first contact with A.A. During my weekly three-hour shift in the office I might read some of our literature or write an article for the *Conscious Contact*. It is a pleasure to meet another member who comes into pick up pamphlets, buy literature or just talk.

There are many opportunities for service. One of the biggest rewards is that one service commitment leads to another. If you would like to increase your service participation there are positions available at Intergroup.

Does your home group need a GSR or Intergroup Representative? Is it time to rotate the coffee makers or greeters at your home group? I am in the Intergroup Office Wednesdays 10 AM to 1 PM. Please come in and visit. We do have a coffee pot and it makes good AA coffee.

In Service,  
Dan S., DCMC District 14

## **“And great events will come to pass...”**

It’s been called one of the least appreciated strategies of building personal wealth – the power of time in compounding money. The basic idea is pretty simple: put some money aside and let that money earn interest. Let the interest accumulate in your account and then the interest starts earning interest as well. The longer you let your nest egg grow this way, the more the interest compounds; the more time boosts the results of your good savings habit.

Thinking about AA’s recent 83<sup>rd</sup> birthday, it occurred to me that the idea works spiritually, just as it does financially. In fact, isn’t the growth of our fellowship from its two co-founders in 1935 to something over 2 million worldwide members in over 100,000 groups today the result of “compounding sobriety?” One drunk desperately grabs onto our program, begins to get hope, shares his good news with another drunk, and the society grows. Even today, with widespread availability of treatment facilities, fully one-third of 8,000 members responding to a General Service Office survey a while back said it was another AA member that was most responsible for them coming to the program.

One of our members back in Seattle used to throw an annual AA “legacy” party at his home. My then-sponsor and his sponsor formed the top of the pyramid at this gathering which usually numbered nearly 100 men – all part of the sobriety chain headed by those two old-timers. One branch of this AA family tree included 8 generations of sobriety – from well over 30 years to 30 days.

Not only does “compounding” keep our fellowship growing – I believe it adds a boost to our spiritual growth as individual members as well. While this is definitely a “one day at a time” program, and there’s some truth to the statement that the person with the most sobriety is the one that got up earliest today, it’s been my experience that the quality of my sobriety improves with sober time. As I stay active and “reinvest” the spiritual benefits that come to me from this way of life, I feel ever more solidly grounded in my sobriety and a more effective partner with my Higher Power in this business of living. Fear still raises its head at times, but on fewer and fewer occasions.

AA’s compounding benefits also accrue to many non-alcoholics around us, I believe. It happens when we “apply these principles in all our affairs,” making us better spouses, parents, employers, employees, friends, etc. Sure, we hurt many with our drinking and using, but the longer we stay sober, the better our chances of having a positive influence on the lives of

many more. One of my most satisfying program experiences has been hearing from three work colleagues from many years ago telling me they had since sobered up and that they were encouraged to try AA in part because they saw the program working for me.

I know I stumbled, drunk, into my first AA meeting with a crumbling marriage and three, very much at-risk young daughters. I can’t know what their lives would have been like had it not been for AA, of course, but I can say that their futures didn’t look promising at the time. Thanks to the program, the marriage has not only survived, but prospered. Those daughters have grown into well-adjusted, responsible women, and have daughters of their own – daughters who know and have a great relationship with a grandfather that they’ve never seen drink and a grandmother for whom they are the joy of her life. We love our sons-in-law and by all evidence, they feel close to us as well. Another example of “compounding:” A few years ago, I felt a desire to reach out in service beyond AA, and have by now completed well over 1000 hours of volunteer work. Suffice it to say I was never troubled by strong urges to be of service to others in my drinking days!

So this, I think, is how an investment in AA pays off. It’s an investment most of us make just to quit drinking and using, and if given half the effort we put into those previous activities, it usually does the job. Then we find, like millions of other alcoholics over the last 83 years, that the “compound interest” we earn on our AA investment is actually a powerful tool for building spiritual wealth beyond anything we imagined when we surrendered to our disease.

Thanks, Bob and Bill, and may all of us who have benefited from the program they started continue to “pass it on.”

Dan F.

### **Concept Eight:**

“The Trustees of the General Service Board act in two primary capacities: (a) With respect to the larger matters of over-all policy and finance, they are the principal planners and administrators. They and their primary committees directly manage these affairs. (b) But with respect to our separately incorporated and constantly active services, the relation of the Trustees is mainly that of full stock ownership and of custodial oversight which they exercise through their ability to elect all directors of these entities.”

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**August AA Birthdays  
CONGRATULATIONS!**



**PV Friday Night Speakers**

Michael L. 8/23/08

**The Slice of Life**

Steve R. 8/05/00

**PV Wed Night BBS**

Michelle R. 8/03/08

**PV Sunday Nooners**

Kathy P. 8/03/05

**PV Step Study**

Jim G. 8/13/90

**Step Stories**

Isabelle 8/16/07

**PV Diamonds in the Rough**

Karen B. 8/23/06

**Alternatives**

Michael J. 8/30/07

David M. 8/31/04

**PV Sat. Night Live**

Rex S. 8/28/98

Scott R. 8/30/96

**PV Sun. No Name Grp.**

David H. 8/26/06

Rob C. 8/10/98

**Seniors in Sobriety**

Alan C. 8/21/96

Joel T. 8/02/81

**PV Welcome Valley**

Diane 8/07/13

Barbara C. 8/09/04

**Sunday Round Table**

Jordan G. 8/14/11

Craig H. 8/26/05

**Friday B B Solutions**

Kim H. 8/17/03

Frederick C. 8/30/97

**PV Noon Group**

Tina K. 8/31/87

Kelly S. 8/17/83

**Park Ave.**

David M. 8/31/04

Gabi V. 8/31/91

Pete V. 8/21/83

**PV Men's Book Study**

Jason D. 8/12/15

Mel F. 8/01/80

Mike S. 8/07/96

**Girlie Birds**

Karen R. 8/16/15

Lindsay N. 8/05/14

Lela S. 8/22/04

Molly M. 8/18/83

**PV Lushes t' Ladies**

Katy J. 8/11/09

Amanda M. 8/16/06

Sue H. 8/15/10

Janey R. 8/12/99

Sallie S. 8/24/76

**Humboldt Men's Stag**

Sam M. 8/13/15

Michael C. 8/20/07

Clinton S. 8/03/96

Tom G. 8/10/91

Oscar A. 8/09/87

**Prescott Group**

Andrew Z. 8/10/10

Katy L. 8/11/09

Nathan G. 8/04/09

Elizabeth R. 8/27/08

Nathan H. 8/10/08

Jake G. 8/01/02

Travis E. 8/31/01

**Sun Morn Men's Stag**

Roger B. 8/25/08

Josh W. 8/18/08

Bill R. 8/01/08

Jeff M. 8/28/07

Robert C. 8/01/06

Jim C. 8/17/85

John E. 8/03/85

Bill L. 8/21/71

**Serenity @ Sunrise**

Jake G. 8/12/17

Todd S. 8/28/16

Mike D. 8/06/15

Richard S. 8/01/14

Steve L. 8/12/11

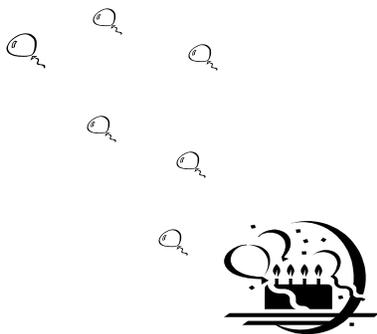
Brian C. 8/01/08

Michael G. 8/09/96

Lisa D. 8/31/94

Lem J. 8/03/87

Bill S. 8/02/82



**Heard at a Meeting:**

**Humility begins with 'please' and 'thank you.'**

# Service Corner

**Look back and be grateful.**

**Look ahead and be hopeful.**

**Look around and be helpful.**

**Next Intergroup Meeting:**

6:30 pm, Wednesday, August 8, 2018  
(the second Wednesday of every month)  
at the First Christian Church, 1230 Willow Creek Rd.

**Next District 14-140 GSR Meeting**

6:30 pm, Wednesday, August 1, 2018  
(the first Wednesday of the month)  
at the First Christian Church, 1230 Willow Creek Rd.

**Next District 14-142 GSR Meeting**

**All District Meeting**  
6:30 pm, Tuesday, August 7, 2018  
(the first Tuesday of every month)  
Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 7763 E. Long Look, PV

**Prescott Shoestring Roundup Committee**

5:30 pm, Friday, August 17, 2018  
(the third Friday of the month)  
129 Josephine St.

**PI / CPC Committee Meetings**

Meetings scheduled as needed.  
The Public Information/  
Cooperation with the Professional Community  
Committee has many opportunities to be of service.  
For information about this committee call the  
Prescott Area Intergroup Office (928) 445-8691.

The Prescott Area Intergroup's  
**Treatment Facilities Committee**  
For information on how you can be of service on this  
committee please call the Intergroup Office.

The Prescott Area Intergroup's  
**Correctional Facilities Committee**  
For Yavapai County Juvenile Justice Center AA meeting  
information call Jerry D. 928 636-9343

## When the 9th Step Exacts a Price

The 9th Step seems pretty straightforward: “Make direct amends to such people wherever possible, except when to do so would injure them or others.”

Yes, it can be awkward to confront some of the folks on your list, as some amends go swimmingly while others not so. But that’s the way it is...as we try to sweep our side of the street and keep our expectations modest.

But what if you can’t make the amend? What if doing so would injure the person or others? What if you slept with somebody’s wife, a lady with a couple kids? To make amends to the injured husband—essentially telling on the lady—would only cause further injury. And the kids probably don’t need to know, either. Some issues are certainly better off dead.

So what then?

You have to live with it. It has moral weight and can

never really be “cleared,” unlike with the more typical 9th Step experience, whether the outcome were all happy hugs or at least knowing, as I said, that you swept your side of the street.

This amend that can never be made exacts a price...the price of the bad behavior. And maybe that’s a good thing.

Because if I could repeat this kind of behavior and merrily sweep my side of the street, I might be inclined to do it again. But being unable to make the amend means I’m reminded of a price I really wish I didn’t have to pay.

So whatever those guys were thinking when they wrote all this stuff up, they were very smart and clever. Or maybe very lucky.

Or maybe guided by the unseen hand. That for sure!

Anonymous

## Heard at a Meeting:

**No matter how deep your bottom was... it only takes 12 steps to get out.**

## Prescott Area Intergroup’s June 2018 YTD Treasurer’s Report

GROUP DONATIONS	YTD
4 Directions Grp	\$200.00
Afterwards Group	\$1,500.00
Bradshaw Seniors Meeting	\$225.10
Carry This Message	\$532.00
Chino Valley AA	\$200.00
Free Thinkers	\$200.00
Friday Big Book Solutions	\$150.00
Girlie Birds	\$450.00
Healing the Hole in the Soul	\$385.80
Intergroup Meeting	\$189.00
Noon BB Discussion	\$627.50
Old Shoe (Skull Valley)	\$106.00
Open AA Meeting	\$600.00
Park Avenue Group	\$600.25
Prescott Group	\$480.00
Principles B4 Your Personality	\$913.80
PV As Bill Sees It	\$223.00
PV Friday Night Speaker Mtg.	\$120.00
PV Gut Rap Group	\$80.00
PV Keep It Simple	\$466.50
PV Lushes t' Ladies	\$405.00
PV No Name Group	\$100.00
PV Noon Group	\$500.00
PV Reflections	\$108.00
PV There Is a Solution	\$41.00
PV Welcome Valley	\$221.20
Round Table Meeting	\$402.00

GROUP DONATIONS	YTD
Serenity At Sunrise	\$1,784.20
Step Stories	\$299.81
Sun. AM Men's Stag	\$846.56
Sunday Morning AA Solutions	\$180.00
Sunny Days	\$18.27
The Great Fact	\$1,213.00
The Slice Of Life	\$350.00
Toolbox Group	\$647.70
Whipple Group	\$89.00
Working Girls	\$90.00
<b>TOTAL GROUP DONATIONS</b>	<b>\$15,544.69</b>
OTHER INCOME	YTD
AA Birthday Gratitude	\$370.00
Anonymous IG Donation	\$618.00
Literature Sales	\$6,093.65
Chips Etc.	\$1,551.00
Meeting Directory Sales	\$192.50
Newsletter Sales	\$135.00
Picnics	\$539.30
<b>TOTAL OTHER INCOME</b>	<b>\$9,499.45</b>
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$25,044.14</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$28,509.82</b>
<b>INCOME LESS EXPENSES</b>	<b>-\$3,465.68</b>
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<b>Total Monies 6/30/18</b>	<b>\$25,503.86</b>
<b>Loan to Prescott Roundup</b>	<b>-\$2,000.00</b>
<b>Literature &amp; Chips</b>	<b>\$6,158.00</b>

**PRESCOTT AREA INTERGROUP'S**

**2018 SUMMER PICNICS!**

**POTLUCK, AA SPEAKER MEETING & RAFFLES**

**August 24th**

Hosted by: *Sunday Morning Men's Stag*

**September 28th**

Hosted by: *The Great Fact Group*

**Granite Creek Park Ramada, 554 W. 6th St.**

**6:00 PM — Potluck/Picnic 7:00 PM — Speaker Meeting  
Prize Raffle & 50/50 Raffle to follow speaker meeting**

**Please bring a potluck dish to share**

**Bring chairs and/or blankets**

Intergroup provides fried chicken & coffee  
Sodas & bottled water available for purchase

Raffle prizes may be brought to the Intergroup Office or the picnic

Be a part of fun service opportunities!

Arrive at the Ramada at 4:30 PM for set-up and/or

Stay after for clean-up

For more info call 445-8691

Flyers available at [www.prescottaa.org](http://www.prescottaa.org)

**District 14 to Host 2019**

**Area 03 Pre-Conference Assembly**

March 29, 30 & 31, 2019

*Our Big Book - 80 Years - 71 Languages*

Prescott Resort and Conference Center  
1500 AZ-69, Prescott, AZ

**The next Planning Committee Meeting will be held**

**Saturday, August 4, 2018 at 6:30 pm**

at the Step One Center, 6719 E. 2nd St. in Prescott Valley.

There are many opportunities to be of service.

**Please Join Us!**

**Sub-District 14-141 AA Gratitude Picnic**

When: 11:00 am to 3:00 pm **October 6th**

Where: Windmill Park – Cornville, AZ -9984 East Cornville Road

**\*\*Sonoran Hot Dogs and drinks provided\*\***

**LUNCH SERVED AT 11:30**

AA speaker at 12:30 – Bill R. – Camp Verde

Bring a lawn chair - Bring the family - Bring a side dish

Big Book given to the newest newcomer

Corn Hole tournament – Badminton – Games

Sit by the creek – lay in grass – food – fun - fellowship

**Prescott Shoestring Roundup**

August 31, September 1 & 2, 2018

Prescott Resort, 1500 Hwy 69

Registration Open!

[www.prescottshoestringroundup.org](http://www.prescottshoestringroundup.org)

Flyers are available at the Intergroup Office and online

**25th Annual Payson Roundup**

August 24, 25, 26, 2018

*Serenity Under the Rim*

For campsite location see the flyer at:

[www.AApayson.com](http://www.AApayson.com)

Flyers are available at the Intergroup Office and online

**2018 Area 03 Assemblies**

**Details at: [www.Area03.org](http://www.Area03.org)**

**2018 Post Conference Assembly**

**2018 August Assembly**

August, 17th-19th, 2018

Mesa, AZ

**2018 November Assembly**

November 3rd, 2018

Lake Havasu City, AZ

**ASCYPAA 2018**

**Prescott, AZ**

**October 12th, 13th & 14th**

Prescott Resort and Conference Center

1500 AZ-69, Prescott, AZ

[ascypaa2018.org](http://ascypaa2018.org)

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- Updated meeting info
- Business meetings schedules
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- Newsletters and more

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“Alcoholics Anonymous should remain forever non-professional, but our service centers may employ special workers.”

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