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Prescott Area Intergroup: Serving Central Yavapai County

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'...You will escape disaster together...'

One of the members of a former home group of mine would frequently open her condo for meetings and AA fellowship. Phyllis's invitations to these gatherings always included directions to her home, her phone number, and the notation: "If all else fails... Fly blind and we'll talk you in." Phyllis is gone now, but I've long thought of that last line as a great metaphor for the way our whole program works. "Fly blind, and we'll talk you in."

That's certainly the way I found sobriety through AA. All else had failed, and I was truly flying blind when I dialed AA's Los Angeles central office from the payphone in the bar where I had spent much of that Tuesday afternoon. I knew almost nothing about the program except that it was about not drinking and it was "spiritual" – neither of which had until then seemed to me to be positive attributes.

When I got to my first meeting that same night, I began to meet the people who would "talk me in" to a new way of life. I had previously spoken with others about my behavior of course – to an angry wife, priests and therapists, policemen, drinking buddies, bosses, concerned friends and acquaintances. But they either signed onto my rationalizations (the drinking buddies and some of the therapists and acquaintances) or they were confrontational and/or "preachy." I had a big problem with people talking "down" to me!

It was immediately clear that these AA people were different. I was obviously drunk when I showed up at that first meeting, but if anything, that only seemed to make everybody more anxious to be welcoming! I don't remember a lot about the meeting except that as I walked in, a man came bounding toward me with his hand outstretched and saying loudly: "Welcome to A and A, brother!" Others urged me to come back again the next night and to try and avoid saloons in between.

I managed to do that, and I've been coming back ever since. And through it all, there have been wonderful alcoholics "talking me in" to a joyous existence unlike any I could have imagined back in that Los Angeles bar.

When you get right down to it, isn't this what really sets AA apart? The authors of our Big Book readily admit that they borrowed freely from the fields of religion, philosophy and psychology in their work. Most of the principles embodied in our 12 steps are hardly original. What seems to me so powerful about them is that we rely not on teachers or

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What if Someone is Working Their Program Wrong?

What if indeed! Maybe they seem to have a bad sponsor. Maybe they're acting like an old timer but they're not. Maybe they're not praying or meditating. Maybe they're not doing service. Maybe they don't speak at meetings.

Maybe...maybe...and on and on.

But what if, despite all these such terrible flaws, what if they're sober? And maybe they even have a bit of time?

Such a judgment can seem like an issue, but it just may be related to ego. My ego.

It's maybe me who thinks there's only a certain way to work the program, and that all other ways are flawed. In fact, it's easy to think that whatever's working for me is the way it should work for everyone else. But if a person is working some kind of program and is staying successfully sober, and is somehow engaged with the overall program...well, just maybe their working the right program. For them.

In the end, we all know that there are many ways to work a good program, and that the only real criteria is that the person has found a way to stay sober.

For me, it would have to involve meetings nearly every day, and fellowship to some degree with other AA folks. And it's pretty rare to find someone who's relapsed while working a daily program and going through the steps. So those factors seem pretty important.

But as for the rest? Successful sobriety may be the only true criteria. Meanwhile, I'll keep working the program that's working for me.

Lilah J.

Heard at a Meeting:

**Action without prayer is self-reliance.
Prayer without action is begging.**

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leaders, but on ourselves -- fellow alcoholics -- to carry their message to the next sufferer. We tell our own stories and share what we've found works for us along the way. We listen to our fellow AA members and learn what we can from their experience. And in doing so, we slowly break through that "bondage of self" at the core of our illness.

We talk each other in. And in the process, we get not only our sobriety, but an incredible bonus that perhaps only those who have suffered the acute loneliness of addiction can fully appreciate.

As promised in "A Vision for You," chapter 11 in the Big Book, you will make "lifelong friends... You will be bound to them with new and wonderful ties, for you will escape disaster together and you will commence shoulder to shoulder your common journey. Then you will know what it means to give of yourself that others may survive and rediscover life. You will learn the full meaning of 'Love thy neighbor as thyself.'"

Dan F.

Tradition Twelve (The Long Form)

And finally, we of Alcoholics Anonymous believe that the principle of anonymity has an immense spiritual significance. It reminds us that we are to place principles before personalities; that we are actually to practice a genuine humility. This to the end that our great blessings may never spoil us; that we shall forever live in thankful contemplation of Him who presides over us all.

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Concept Twelve:

"General Warranties of the Conference: in all its proceedings, the General Service Conference shall observe the spirit of the A.A. Tradition, taking great care that the conference never becomes the seat of perilous wealth or power; that sufficient operating funds, plus an ample reserve, be its prudent financial principle; that none of the Conference Members shall ever be placed in a position of unqualified authority over any of the others; that all important decisions be reached by discussion vote and whenever possible, by substantial unanimity; that no Conference action ever be personally punitive or an incitement to public controversy; that though the Conference may act for the service of Alcoholics Anonymous, it shall never perform any acts of government; and that, like the Society of Alcoholics Anonymous which it serves, the Conference itself will always remain democratic in thought and action."

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Meeting Changes

Prescott's "Healing the Hole in the Soul Group" moved to the Bradshaw Senior Community's, 1st floor dining room at 133 Bradshaw Dr. (Still Saturday at 11:00 am)

Chino Valley's "Friday Group" changed time from 8:00 pm to 7:00 pm

"PV Solutions Group of AA" is a new Open, Participation meeting in Prescott Valley on the 2nd and 4th Sunday at 7:00 pm at the United Methodist Church, 8944 E. Sommer Dr.

New meeting in Cordes Lakes on Saturday at 7:00 pm at the Baptist Church, 20172 E. Pinto Dr. @ Longhorn

TRADITIONS CHECKLIST from the AA Grapevine

Practice These Principles...

Tradition Twelve: *Anonymity is the spiritual foundation of all our Traditions, ever reminding us to place principles before personalities.*

1. Why is it a good idea for me to place the common welfare of all AA members before individual welfare? What would happen to me if AA as a whole disappeared?
2. When I do not trust AA's current servants, who do I wish had the authority to straighten them out?
3. In my opinions of, and remarks about other AAs, am I implying membership requirements other than a desire to stay sober?
4. Do I ever try to get a certain AA group to conform to my standards, not its own?
5. Have I a personal responsibility in helping an AA group fulfill its primary purpose? What is my part?
6. Does my personal behavior reflect the Sixth Tradition -- or belie it?
7. Do I do all I can do to support AA financially? When is the last time I anonymously gave away a Grapevine subscription?
8. Do I complain about certain AAs' behavior -- especially if they are paid to work for AA? Who made me so smart?
9. Do I fulfill all AA responsibilities in such a way as to please privately even my own conscience? Really?
10. Do my utterances always reflect the Tenth Tradition, or do I give AA critics real ammunition?
11. Should I keep my AA membership a secret, or reveal it in private conversation when that may help another alcoholic (and therefore me)? Is my brand of AA so attractive that other drunks want it?
12. What is the real importance of me among more than a million AAs?

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**December AA Birthdays
CONGRATULATIONS!**



Seniors in Sobriety
Gray B. 12/01/05

Diamonds in the Rough
Barbara H. 12/07/90

Humboldt Men's Stag
Jim C. 12/11/74

PV Saturday Night Live
John R. 12/29/92

The Slice of Life
Don H. 12/12/92

PV Wed Night BBS
Terry D. 12/03/08

Tues. Night Step Study
Art A. 12/26/07

Intergroup
Sue B. 12/19/97

PV Lushes t' Ladies
Deb M. 12/26/85

One Step Forward
Amy M. 12/30/07
Megan A. 12/23/04

Toolbox Group
Nick P. 12/28/15
Brent I. 12/01/14

Afterwards
Deborah F. 12/22/14
Michael G. 12/19/01

Wilhoit
John S. 12/07/93
Rita S. 12/08/75

PV Men's Book Study
Dave L. 12/10/12
Rick P. 12/27/08
Willie P. 12/17/87

Sunday Round Table
Deborah F. 12/22/14
Mike C. 12/20/03
Tom W. 12/27/02

Chino Valley
Mark B. 12/01/94
Mike L. 12/18/94
Linda 12/05/84

Welcome Valley
Michael G. 12/19/15
Cory P. 12/25/14
Kendra W. 12/20/79

Home Group?
Sean D. 12/29/06
Donald N. 12/06/86
Tom M. 12/09/83
Shawn B. 12/10/80

PV Sun. No Name Group
Brad T. 12/20/09
Mike W. 12/08/09
Doug S. 12/26/08
Sam B. 12/15/05

Crazy Birds
Alex W. 12/04/06
Asya P. 12/12/05
Byron A. 12/16/02
Linda T. 12/05/84

Serenity@Sunrise
Bob C. 12/27/17
Lucas F. 12/18/17
Nick P. 12/28/15
Josh D. 12/05/11
Jess C. 12/11/07
Dean T. 12/01/78

P.V. Noon Group
Susan C. 12/06/11
Mary P. 12/09/10
Christine G. 12/10/87
Jim N. 12/27/80
Bob G. 12/19/79
Ron K. 12/13/75

Prescott Group
Sarah F. 12/28/09
Sadie B. 12/23/09
Mike C. 12/20/09
Manda S. 12/05/09
Andrew W. 12/30/08
Aaron A. 12/27/08
Phil L. 12/29/05
Emily L. 12/28/04

Girlye Birds
Jennifer W. 12/31/15
Jennifer B. 12/11/14
Davina O. 12/29/12
Christine B. 12/05/10
Cynthia S. 12/31/09
Jess C. 12/11/07
Kimberlee N. 12/06/06
Aline P. 12/01/95
Sally S. 12/25/82
Jamie B. 12/20/76



Service Corner

**Look back and be grateful.
Look ahead and be hopeful.
Look around and be helpful.**

Next Intergroup Meeting:

6:30 pm, Wednesday, December 12, 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, December 5, 2018
(the first Wednesday of the month)
at the First Christian Church, 1230 Willow Creek Rd.

Next District 14-142 GSR Meeting

6:30 pm, Tuesday, December 4, 2018
(the first Tuesday of every month)
Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 7763 E. Long Look, PV

Prescott Shoestring Roundup Committee

5:30 pm, Friday, January 18, 2018
(the third Friday of the month)
Unity Church, 145 S. Arizona Ave. @ Goodwin

PI / CPC Committee Meetings

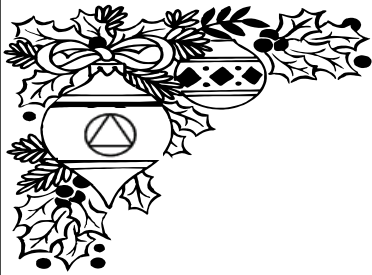
Meetings scheduled as needed.
The Public Information/
Cooperation with the Professional Community
Committee has many opportunities to be of service.
For information about this committee call the
Prescott Area Intergroup Office (928) 445-8691.

**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



**Prescott Area Intergroup's
2018 Christmas/Holiday Alcathon**



**Monday, December 24th
4:00pm - Midnight**

**Tuesday, December 25th
6:00am - 2:00pm**

Safe Harbor, 520 W. Delano

AA Speaker Meeting Monday, 12/24 at 7:00 pm

**Continental Breakfast Tuesday, 12/25 at 6:00 am
Hosted by the Sunday Morning Men's Stag**

Snack Food and Dessert Potluck Throughout

Please bring Snack Foods and/or Desserts to share!

Marathon Meetings on the Hour

(Groups are needed to lead marathon meetings. Call office by 12/20 to schedule day and time)

Call the office for more information 928 445-8691

New Year's Eve Celebration

**Chino Valley
318 Perkinsville Rd.
5:00pm 'til Midnight**

**Meetings, Potluck, Speakers, Games,
Fellowship, Al-Anon Participation
Please bring food to share**

**29th Annual River Roundup
Bullhead City, AZ
January 10, 11, 12, 13, 2019
www.rcco-aa.org**

**55th International Women's Conference
February 7-10, 2019
The Westin Bonaventure Hotel
404 S. Figueroa St., Los Angeles, CA
www.internationalwomensconference.org**

**Yuma Pass It On Roundup
Yuma, AZ
February 22, 23, 24 2019
www.yumaroundup.org**

**29th Annual West Valley Roundup
March 15-17, 2019
Lake Pleasant Regional Park
41835 N. Castle Hot Springs Rd., Peoria, AZ
www.westvalleyroundup.com**

**District 14 to Host 2019
Area 03 Pre - Conference Assembly**

▶▶ April 5, 6 & 7, 2019 ◀◀

Our Big Book - 80 Years - 71 Languages
Prescott Resort and Conference Center
1500 AZ-69, Prescott, AZ

There are many opportunities to be of service

**The next Planning Committee Meeting will be held
Saturday, January 12, 2019 at 5:00 pm**

at 7080 E Lantern Lane West, Prescott Valley
More info call Dan S. at 928-899-8274

A Declaration of Unity

This we owe to A.A.'s future: To place our common welfare first; To keep our fellowship united.
For on A.A. unity depend our lives; And the lives of those to come.

Prescott Area Intergroup's October 2018 YTD Treasurer's Report

GROUP DONATIONS	YTD
4 Directions Grp	\$400.00
Afterwards Group	\$2,100.00
Alternatives	\$70.00
Bradshaw Seniors Meeting	\$373.65
Carry This Message	\$783.00
Chino Valley AA	\$600.00
Crazy Birds	\$584.95
District 14-140	\$200.00
Free Thinkers	\$465.97
Friday Big Book Solutions	\$250.00
Girlie Birds	\$1,775.00
God Sticks Group	\$25.00
Healing the Hole in the Soul	\$517.30
Humboldt Men's Stag Meeting	\$500.00
Intergroup Meeting	\$319.68
Mayer Higher Power Hour	\$200.00
Noon BB Discussion	\$1,261.50
Old Shoe (Skull Valley)	\$232.22
Open AA Meeting	\$1,200.00
Park Avenue Group	\$1,088.80
Prescott Group	\$650.00
Prescott Shoestring Roundup	\$6,000.00
Principles B4 Your Personality	\$2,213.80
PV As Bill Sees It	\$223.00
PV Diamonds in the Rough	\$200.00
PV Friday Night Speaker Mtg.	\$360.00
PV Gut Rap Group	\$240.00
PV Keep It Simple	\$668.10
PV Lushes t' Ladies	\$490.50
PV Men's Book Study	\$150.00
PV No Name Group	\$200.00
PV Noon Group	\$1,060.00
PV Reflections	\$108.00
PV Roadmap To Recovery	\$120.00
PV Sunday Nooners	\$250.00

GROUP DONATIONS	YTD
PV There Is a Solution	\$41.00
PV Wed Step Study	\$120.00
PV Welcome Valley	\$221.20
Round Table Meeting	\$828.00
Seniors In Sobriety	\$150.00
Serenity At Sunrise	\$2,812.40
Step Stories	\$404.81
Sun. AM Men's Stag	\$1,146.56
Sunday Morning AA Solutions	\$180.00
Sunny Days	\$99.03
The Great Fact	\$1,742.00
The Slice Of Life	\$1,050.00
Thurs Men's Stag	\$192.50
Toolbox Group	\$1,247.82
Whipple Group	\$89.00
Women's Gratitude Luncheon	\$600.00
Working Girls	\$110.00
Yarnell On the Mtn Grp	\$50.00
TOTAL GROUP DONATIONS	\$36,964.79
OTHER INCOME	
AA Birthday Gratitude	\$658.00
Anonymous IG Donation	\$1,372.70
Literature Sales	\$11,440.40
Chips Etc.	\$2,664.00
Meeting Directory Sales	\$315.50
Newsletter Sales	\$195.00
Picnics	\$1,420.34
TOTAL OTHER INCOME	\$18,065.94
TOTAL INCOME	\$55,030.73
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$50,098.12
INCOME LESS EXPENSES	\$4,932.61
Total Monies 10/31/18	\$33,902.15
Literature & Chips	\$7,730.00

Happy Holidays!

Merry Christmas!

Happy New Year!





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