



# the Desert Lifeline

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of the Desert serving the Coachella Valley.

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**Intergroup Meeting**  
1st Thursday of the month, 7 p.m.

**Board of Directors Meeting**  
3rd Thursday of the month,  
6:30 p.m.

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**General Service**, District 9  
3rd Sunday of the month, 4PM  
Fellowship Hall  
45940 Portola Ave.  
Palm Desert  
Mailing Address: P O Box 3684  
Palm Desert, CA 92261-3684

**Hospitals & Institutions**  
2nd Wednesday of the month,  
5:30 p.m. via Zoom  
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PW 109036  
Mailing Address: PO Box 1843  
Palm Desert, CA 92261

**Mid-Southern California Area (MSCA)**  
PO Box, 51446, Irvine CA 92619-1446  
Web site: [www.msca09aa.org](http://www.msca09aa.org)

**General Service Office**, PO Box 459,  
Grand Central Station NY 10163  
Web site: [www.aa.org](http://www.aa.org)

**DCYPAA**  
Every Sunday 6:00 P.M.  
Fellowship Hall 45940 Portola Ave.  
Palm Desert  
Email: [webmaster@dcypaa.com](mailto:webmaster@dcypaa.com)

**General Service**, District 30  
4th Sunday of the month, 2:15PM  
Joshua Tree Fellowship Hall  
6430 Park Blvd.  
Joshua Tree, CA 92252  
Mailing Address: P O Box 1692  
Yucca Valley, CA 92286-1692

# Step

Made a decision to turn our will  
and our lives over to the care of  
God *as we understood Him.*

# Tradition

The only requirement for A.A.  
membership is a desire to  
stop drinking.

# Concept

To insure effective leadership, we  
should endow each element of  
A.A. - the Conference, the General  
Service Board and its service  
corporations, staffs, committees,  
and executives - with a traditional  
"Right of Decision."

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# Principle Three

**Commitment** - a pledge or promise; obligation;  
engagement; involvement; the act of committing,  
pledging, or engaging oneself.

**January Office Statistics**

Meeting Info	68
12 Step Calls	4
Visitors	39
Literature Sales	126
Al-Anon	9
Other 12 Step	0
Miscellaneous	32
Business	32

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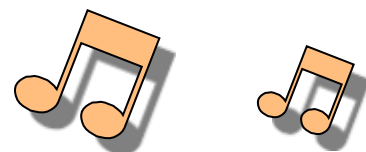
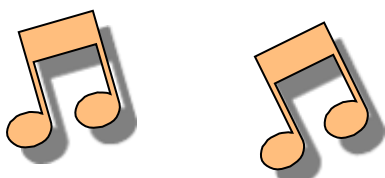
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*January 2021*

Alyssa C. 3 yr.  
Norma U. 21 yr.  
Dani M. 25 yr.  
Norma U. 21 yr.



Dani M. 25 yr.  
Ruthie B. 40 Yr.  
Dennis B. 50 yr.



**We thank all of the birthday celebrants for their contributions to the Central Office Birthday Club.**

## How Rigorous Must Honesty Be

Devoid of All Motives to Deceive

By Rick R.

Is there a difference between *being honest* and *being rigorously honest*, and if not, why add the word rigorous, unless to imply that honesty comes in degrees? I know that when I first was faced with the challenge of being honest, (where it is mentioned three times in the first paragraph of How It Works in the Big Book), I wasn't against being honest and I was willing to give it my best shot. *Could I attain perfect honesty? I think not.* I could, however, reign in my lying about things that mattered, but that still left me with, what I felt was, a half measures approach and that did not sit well with me. If I were willing to be dishonest about anything, I was leaving myself opened to rationalizing and still I was conflicted. If I could lie once, wouldn't that be like taking just one drink? The second lie comes easier. Was I dishonest if I embellished the size of the fish, I caught last weekend? All these questions ran through my mind, and many more before I came upon an approach that worked for me, and it all seems to rest upon what my motives are.

I was attending a discussion meeting one evening and the topic was RIGOROUS HONESTY, and many of these questions were discussed without resolution until a gentleman defined the word *HONEST*, as *DEVOID OF ALL MOTIVES TO DECEIVE*. That meaning of the word gave me the latitude to practice that principle in the spirit that I believe the founders of AA would approve of. If you read the Big Book and the 12X12 you will find some overriding principles concerning these dilemmas. One that comes to mind immediately is: We cannot buy our own peace of mind at the expense of others. (Step 9 in the 12X12) and I would add "*my own self-righteousness at the feet of my loved ones.*"

If the definition of honesty is "devoid of all motives to deceive" it leaves me with room to be kind during those innocent moments when my wife returns from the hair dresser and asks me if I like her new hair-do. I always like her new hairdo. *The being kind clause trumps the rigorous clause and I am not trying to deceive anyone.* What are hairdos supposed to look like anyway? Being honest without sensitivity is brutality. There is one area where I must be rigorously honest, and that is, with Myself. I must not let, what I refer to as, *overriding principles get stretched out of proportions* to the degree that I start to *rationalize and become deceptive again.* The *trust and respect* we gain when we follow these principles do not come easy and if we compromise it, we may never get it back. In step 9, it also makes exceptions where full disclosure would cause actual harm. When in doubt, I can enlist the help of a trusted advisor and I can be *rigorously honest with him*, live in the spirit of these principles and still have *honest integrity.*



"No, I've never tried AA. But if it's got alcohol in it I'm sure I'd like it."



"Like you, I'm also a prince in disguise."

**January Volunteers at Central Office**

Alyssa C.  
Amelia F.

Emil M.

**Thank You !!**

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Gary H.  
Greg C.  
Jim B.  
Kate E.

Mark L.  
Nancy G.  
Nikki C.

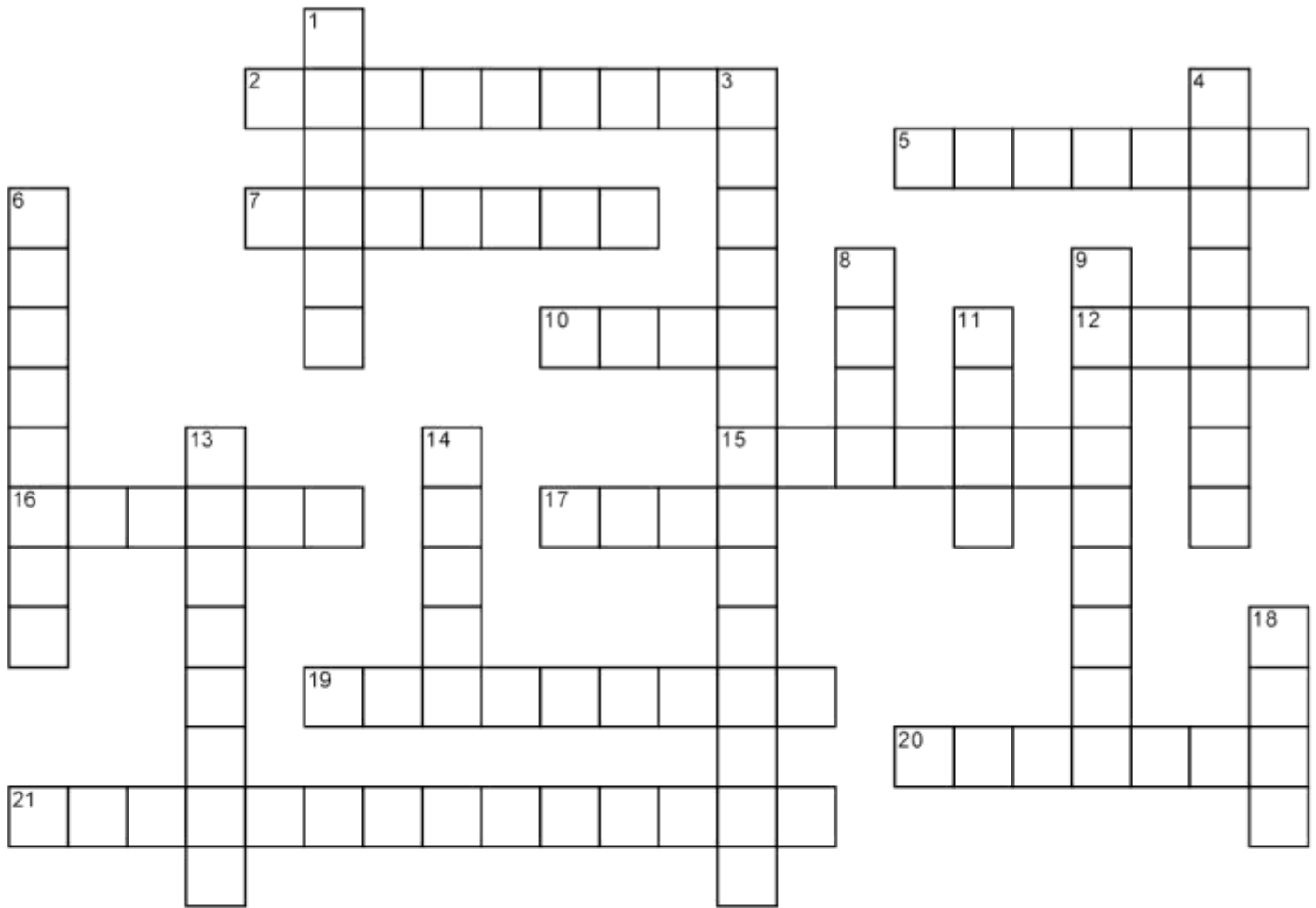
Steven St. L.  
Wanda V.

Bill T.  
Eileen C.

**February Puzzle Solution**



# March Puzzle



## ACROSS

- 2 Where Dr. Bob went to college
- 5 Physician, Heal \_\_\_\_\_
- 7 Where AA World Services is located
- 10 Mrs. Dr. Bob
- 12 The 3rd Step prayer doesn't have it but the 7th Step prayer does
- 15 Physician, Heal \_\_\_\_\_
- 16 Group prior to AA
- 17 Bill's wife
- 19 Our magazine
- 20 AA's very essence
- 21 Home of Bill and his wife

## DOWN

- 1 How often we've seen them fail
- 3 He is quoted in Appendix 2 (2 words)
- 4 Started AA in Cleveland
- 6 Dr. Bob's middle name
- 8 Who brought the message to Bill Wilson
- 9 Akron hotel when Bill needed to talk to another drunk
- 11 happy, joyous and \_\_\_\_\_
- 13 prior to investigation
- 14 Russian potato juice
- 18 Alcoholics are like men who have lost these



**2021 - VIRTUAL  
GOING TO ANY LENGTHS  
35<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL DESERT WOMENS BANQUET**

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**SUNDAY, MARCH 14**

**6:00 - 7:30 pm - ZOOM Meeting**

**Join us 30 minutes prior for fellowship!**

**ID 814-7302-8759 Password: AAWomen**

**15-minute speaker: Molly S. - Palm Desert, CA**

**Main speaker: Heather G. - Knoxville, TN**

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**This event supports our local central office.**

**Donations can be made through**

**VENMO - @DWB-2021 OR Mail checks to:**

**PO Box 4383 Palm Desert, CA 92261**

### Tradition Three

*The only requirement for A.A. membership is a desire to stop drinking.*

When I arrived at my first meeting of Alcoholics Anonymous, hearing Tradition Three made me feel like I finally found a place where I could belong. In the beginning, considering myself a “member” of anything felt good and the lack of any additional conditions was comforting. Those first days in A.A, it was difficult to relate my story to those I heard. I thought that because I did not lose everything and I was the youngest one in the room, maybe I am not an alcoholic. However, I kept hearing “desire to stop drinking” and I knew that was true, so I stayed. At the depths of my alcoholism, I was hardly welcome anywhere. I got kicked out of bars, living situations and even my job. A.A. welcomed me with open arms and showed me that I was not alone.

In my life outside of A.A., this tradition has taught me to be accepting of others at work. Regardless of their personalities, we are employed by the same company. I have found a way to overcome personality differences by relying on my respect for my company. In my personal relationships, the only requirement is a desire to be in a relationship whether it be friends, significant others or family. This concept has allowed me to manage my expectations in a way that is less toxic and more loving.

This tradition reminds me of the unity we find through our primary purpose. On page 79 of *The Language of the Heart*, Bill writes, “if we raise obstacles, he might stay away and perish. He might be denied this priceless opportunity.” As the rebellious nonconformist Bill describes, any other condition for membership might have kept me out of the rooms. As a sober alcoholic today, I can accept and include others the same way that I was accepted and included, regardless of any “differences” I may see. As A.A. members, we are united in feelings of desperation, we have been in the dark cave of the sick alcoholic and can shine light on the way out. And for that, we are responsible.

By. Alyssa C

## Book of the month

**\$9.60**

# A Virtual History of AA

**\$9.60**

**Normally \$12.00—This month \$9.60**

Originally developed as the souvenir book for the 2020 International Convention, this highly illustrated tour through A.A.’s history is told in hundreds of iconic images never before published in one volume. Illuminating descriptions walk us through powerful moments in A.A.’s history — from the people, places and things integral to A.A.’s early growth, and forward to today’s vibrant, international Fellowship. Includes a special focus on Detroit in A.A.’s history and updated coverage of recent innovations in A.A. group life.

**\$9.60**

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## STEP THREE

MADE A DECISION TO TURN OUR WILL AND OUR LIVES OVER TO THE CARE OF GOD AS WE UNDERSTOOD HIM.

If this “God talk” is making you squirm, here’s the really good news...this step lets you off the hook and removes the pressure. I discovered the word God was just an umbrella word covering things like universe, nature, spirit, entity, higher power, the fellowship of AA, or whatever I wanted “it” to be. My sponsor had me write a classified ad “Sober Woman looking for God of her understanding and must have the following:” (then fill in whatever you want).

“The wording was, of course, quite optional so long as we expressed the idea, voicing it without reservation.” (Big Book pg 63). It was important at this juncture to just understand I needed to believe that *some power greater than me was in charge*.

My sponsor used to say that I have nothing to lose to work this step because God certainly couldn’t make a bigger mess of things than I already had. She reminded me all I had to do was “Make a decision...” it was that simple. She had me create a “God Box” to put all my resentments, dilemmas, problems, and decisions in. Over time, that shoe box suddenly turned into a God drawer, which turned into a God trunk, which 15 years later is a God Storage Unit. All I had to do was be willing. This step has the words “will, willing, willpower, willingness” in it 24 times (yes, she had me count them one day when I was whining about something). This would be my first attempt at learning about faith and how “well and earnestly I have tried to come to a decision. In the beginning, even the smallest amount of willingness, is all that is needed...to open the door ever so slightly.”

I was one of those they write about in the 12 X 12, Step 3 (pg 39) “that was soon convinced that I had more problems than alcohol...and my life was unmanageable even though I was sober. I was desperately unhappy...victimized by remorse....guilt over yesterday...bitterness...envy or hatred...and panic takes over...and my lone courage and unaided will cannot do it. Surely I must now depend upon Somebody or Something else.” This thinking was killing me, and my sponsor said I would probably be in a lot less pain if I tried to give up the hope of a better past.

I was always waiting for the other shoe to drop, and she reminded me that God doesn’t wear shoes. Self-sufficiency wasn’t paying off, and I discovered I couldn’t fix self will with self will. And every time I’d go to her in yet another meltdown from my will, she’d casually say, “And how’s that working out for you dear?” The pattern I saw was: if I knew the beginning, middle and end of a plan or story it was probably my will. If I just knew just the beginning of the plan or story, it was probably God’s will.

“This was only a beginning, though if honestly and humbly made, an effect, sometimes a very great one, was felt at once (Big Book Pg 63).”

Mari B.  
Tuesday, Women’s 10 am, Fellowship Hall  
Stepping Stones



## Hybrid Meetings Ken R.

- **General Considerations/Assumptions:**
  - The information in the following presentation has been gleaned from the TIAA (Technology in AA) Hybrid Meeting forum and local feedback from the Gratitude Center
  - City/County/Landlord has given permission for occupancy
  - All social distancing protocols including wearing of masks, physical distancing and contact tracing as prescribed by local government/ordinances are defined and enforced in f2f meetings
  - Group conscience has been made to commence a Hybrid meeting approach
  - New meeting rules/signage will be required for f2f physical space for Hybrid meetings to start up

## Hybrid Meetings

- **Hybrid meeting types**
  - In this discussion we will present 2 Hybrid meeting scenarios based on:
    - Meeting budget
    - Meeting room social distancing capacity configuration

# Hybrid Meetings

- Entry level (small room & budget)

## Requirements:

- **Case 1:** Use a cell phone to dial in (phone only) to Zoom online meeting and pass the phone around for people to share
- **Case 2:** Connect a Bluetooth speaker with a good quality microphone and place it in a central location in the room and connected to a cell phone dialed into the online meeting

# Hybrid Meetings

- Entry level (small room & budget)

## PROS

**Case 1:** Inexpensive Solution with no real setup

- Simplest solution that only requires cell signal & phone

**Case 2:** One step above putting a cell phone in the middle of the room attached to Zoom

- No special bandwidth requirements as only the cellular phone call will be used to connect to the Zoom meeting

## CONS

**Case 1:** Cell phone would have to be disinfected between speakers

- Want to avoid moving the cell phone around
- More difficult to keep social distancing in order
- Hard for all f2f members to hear from single cell phone

**Case 2:** Room acoustics/size can be a limiting factor

- Minor cost will be involved (<\$100)
- No f2f video - only virtual participants will have video

## NOTES

- Will want to avoid the “passing the phone or Bluetooth speaker” scenario
- Will require f2f Zoom monitor/awareness to “raise hand” when f2f participants want to speak
- Minimal practice/tuning required

# Hybrid Meetings

- Advanced level (medium/large room & budget)

## Requirements:

- Computing device
- Multiple microphones with mixer & speaker(s)
- Multiple cameras
- Projector or large flat-screen monitor for video
- Internet connectivity bandwidth

# Hybrid Meetings

- Advanced level (medium/large room & budget)

## PROS

Online participants can see f2f participants  
F2f participants can see online participants on big screen or projector  
Multiple cameras

- Secretary / host view
- Room participant view
- Podium/speaker view

Multiple microphones

## CONS

Minimum requirements

- Laptop / computing device
- External camera(s) & microphones
- Bandwidth

Budget for equipment and bandwidth (recurring fees)

## NOTES

Lots of options available

- Anonymous zone
- Podium for speakers
- .....

Requires more tech savvy to setup & train

- Question of permanency
- Can equipment be safely left in place between meetings

# Hybrid Meetings

## - Conclusions

- This has been a short review/discussion of Hybrid meeting technology
- We are attempting to provide a place to start for groups to begin the process of undertaking Hybrid A.A. meetings
  - There will be many variations implemented as groups come online
  - Please provide feedback to Central Office on the Hybrid meeting experience so we can share it with the Intergroup
- Groups/meetings will need to have a group conscience on how to proceed with the Hybrid concept
- General anonymity questions/concerns in regards to videoing participants attending f2f should be addressed
- The Gratitude Center is up and running with Hybrid meetings, so please reference their website for valuable insights and information
  - <https://www.sfgratitude.org/>



"I love it downtown . . . Everything within walking distance."

## CONCEPT THREE

***As a traditional means of creating and maintaining a clearly defined working relation between the groups, the Conference, the A.A. General Service Board and its several service corporations, staffs, committees and executives, and thus insuring their effective leadership, it is here suggested that we endow each of these elements of world service with a traditional "Right of Decision."***

For all levels of service from groups up to World Services, the authority and ability to make decisions in each position is found in Concept Three. We elect GSR's, Committee Members and Delegates whom we feel will make well-informed decisions on behalf of those they serve while upholding the Twelve Traditions which bind Alcoholics Anonymous together and adhering to the Twelve Concepts.

It HAS been my experience that this concept relates to Tradition Two. Within Tradition Two, we speak of trusted servants who do not govern. Not every decision must be taken back to the group each and every time an issue is voted on. Therefore, we elect those we think possess a decision-making ability sufficient to serve us effectively. We trust these leaders to decide how to handle group dealings and when to bring a matter back to the groups for discussion and resolution.

When I was in my first year of service, I became the GSR for two groups. Within the District I was of service, an issue of how to handle drug addicts sharing solely about their drug history in meetings was taken back to the group. One group I represented had no problem with it at all and in fact, did not discourage that type of sharing within their meetings. The other group that I represented as GSR held a strong belief in the Traditions and did not allow 'drug-a-log' sharing. Being an alcoholic who experimented very little with drugs and found them rather lacking, then stuck merely to alcohol throughout my drinking career had my own view of how the issue should be handled. At the next GSR meeting I, being very new in service, did not realize that one cannot vote for two groups simultaneously. Consequently my decision making abilities had been compromised because of the two groups I was representing having conflicted ideas on an issue while having my own view on the matter at hand. It was a lesson learned and a mistake I will not repeat.

Many Districts and groups have by-laws that they have established through a group conscience, though they cannot anticipate everything that will happen within their fellowship. Similarly, life cannot be dictated by an instruction manual. So we trust each other, a God of our understanding as he may express himself in our group conscience and those we elect to represent us. Meanwhile, remembering that we are merely humans trying to enjoy a spiritual experience while stumbling through this thing called life.

Reese N.  
Speak Easy Group

## Frequently Asked Questions About A.A.'s History from www.aa.org

### Q. What is the history behind reading The Lord's Prayer at meetings?

A. It is mentioned in *Dr. Bob and the Good Oldtimers* that the prayer was used from the very beginning in the Fellowship, at least as early as 1938 and 1939. In those days there was no AA literature, so the early groups relied heavily on existing prayers, and on the Bible and Oxford Group literature, for inspiration and guidance.

Bill W. commented several times in his correspondence about the early use of the Lord's Prayer. He wrote a letter to a member in 1959 in which he stated:

*"This practice probably came from the Oxford Groups who were influential in the early days of A.A. You have probably noted in A.A. Comes of Age what the connection of these people with A.A. really was. I think saying the Lord's Prayer was a custom of theirs following the close of each meeting. Therefore it quite easily got shifted into a general custom among us."*

Bill also wrote the following in a 1955 letter:

*"Of course there are always those who seem to be offended by the introduction of any prayer whatever into an ordinary A.A. gathering. Also it is sometimes complained that the Lord's Prayer is a Christian document. Nevertheless, this Prayer is of such widespread use and recognition that the argument of its Christian origin seems to be a little far-fetched. It is also true that most AA's believe in some kind of god and that communication and strength is obtainable through his grace. Since this is the general consensus, it seems only right that at least the Serenity Prayer and the Lord's Prayer be used in connection with our meetings. It does not seem necessary to defer to the feelings of our agnostic and atheist newcomers to the extent of completely hiding 'our light under a bushel.'*

*However, around here, the leader of the meeting usually asks those to join him in the Lord's Prayer who feel that they would care to do so. The worst that happens to the objectors is that they have to listen to it. This is doubtless a salutary exercise in tolerance at their stage of progress."*

As Bill's 1955 letter indicates, recitation of the Lord's Prayer at meetings has clearly been controversial in some circles almost since the beginning. The GSO has responded to letters on this issue since the 1940s and 1950s. It is continually addressed in articles in Box 459 and the AA Grapevine, and has often been asked about at the General Service Conference. For example, at the 1962 Conference, in one of the Ask-It Basket questions, this subject was broached: *"Question: What is the procedure for dealing with individuals who refuse to stand during recitation of the Lord's Prayer? Answer: Participation--or non-participation-in recitals of the Lord's Prayer should be considered a matter of personal conscience and decision."*

## Gossip, Criticism and Character Assassination

Understanding, Empathy and Compassion

By Rick R.

Hanging on to resentments and criticizing the behavior of others is often a noticeable characteristic of some members of the program that never seem to find the serenity and peace that is mentioned in the promises. For some people it seems impossible to let their guard down. I think that most of us can understand this, simply because we all have to face this issue and deal with it, to one degree or another, as we go through the twelve-step process. One of the things that I learned when I was faced with this matter was that I had a *self-esteem* problem and I overcorrected, by pointing the faults of others, to somehow make myself appear normal. This never worked for me as I could not fool my *conscience*. Things only got worse. I still worked through the steps and did what I could at the time. No one gets it perfect the first time, but we can make a second effort at it when we have established a track record of living by principles. AA meetings are a training ground for how we treat others and if we can't accept the people there, it's a cinch we won't do it outside of the rooms.

Everyone that comes to AA brings with them their own assortment of mental, emotional, spiritual, and material problems, and none of us are without these concerns. If we didn't have them, we wouldn't need this program. We all feel somewhat vulnerable and we establish our own firewalls, with the help of our EGO'S, to protect ourselves from our perception of what those other people are doing, saying, and thinking. We each might establish hard and fast protective reactions, mentally and verbally to protect our own turf. With so many different personalities brought together in one group, it's very hard to let down our guards, after all, we all feel somewhat justified when pointing out the faults of others. This is what the alcoholic personality does.

With the understanding that *most forms of criticism and character assassination stem from low self-esteem*, it occurred to me that I was just as guilty of the very things that I was accusing them of. I likened it to *two old men in a convalescent home hitting each other with their canes because one was not walking fast enough for the other*. I had to step up to the plate and become strong enough to *look deeper into their motives and understand what caused them to behave the way they did, and not be threatened by their outside behavior*. I cannot express in words the mental freedom that this principle has produced in me. When I see someone acting out, my first thought is *not judgmental in nature but of empathy and compassion*. My next thought is "what I can do to help him or her". Having adopted this approach, I have come to terms with all the people that I inner act with on a day to day basis and I no longer in conflict with anyone. To me, *they are all like kids just learning how to do life*. They all have problems and I am not going to be one of their problems. I must be strong enough to replace words like *resentment, judgment, and criticism* with *empathy, understanding and compassion*. Today I have no adversaries that I can think of, and *peace of mind is the natural result of this approach*.

I find no exceptions to this principle and I cannot be selective about who I apply it to. Everyone gets amnesty in my book. All that mental gymnastics about "those other people" is a distant memory and I can't think of a single time that practicing this principle didn't serve me well. The only one that is sorry for this profound and life changing transition is my EGO, but about that; who am I to criticize? 😊

After the fact, it's all over.  
I'm still intact, like a four-leaf clover.

Survived the storm and the chill of losing,  
my sanity and self, it's so confusing.

Memories of the past, don't think too much,  
they don't last, and they're out of touch.

What's over is over , I refuse to regret,  
it's something I'm sober, and I don't forget.

Never want to go back to the way it was,  
loss of control and loss of love.

Today is good and I'm starting over again,  
with new sets of values, lover and friends.

I'm relieved and content the chaos is gone,  
so I can move forward, let go and move on.

Nora R.  
Fearless and Thorough, Rancho Mirage



## Central Intergroup of the Desert

Statement of Activity

January 2021

### PROFIT AND LOSS

**\$1,773**

Net income for January

**\$13,455**

Income

**\$11,682**

Expenses

	TOTAL	
	JAN 2021	JUL 2020 - JAN 2021 (YTD)
Revenue		
Contributions - Groups & Individuals	8,164	55,230
Gratitude Dinner		(250)
Interest Income	0	41
Sales	5,291	33,362
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$13,455</b>	<b>\$88,383</b>
Cost of Goods Sold		
Cost of Goods Sold	3,025	19,772
POS Inventory Adjustment	202	385
<b>Total Cost of Goods Sold</b>	<b>\$3,226</b>	<b>\$20,157</b>
<b>GROSS PROFIT</b>	<b>\$10,229</b>	<b>\$68,225</b>
Expenditures		
Accounting Services	600	4,200
Bank Charges		4
Computer Expense	377	2,669
Credit Card Fees	169	1,210
Insurance - Health	412	2,887
Insurance - Liability		1,118
Insurance - Worker's Comp		1,053
Newsletter Expense		25
Office Expense	669	4,899
Payroll Expenses	4,040	29,917
Plant Expenditures		715
Rent	1,601	8,936
State Filing Fees		60
Storage	178	1,246
Utilities	409	3,638
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$8,456</b>	<b>\$62,577</b>
<b>NET OPERATING REVENUE</b>	<b>\$1,773</b>	<b>\$5,649</b>
<b>NET REVENUE</b>	<b>\$1,773</b>	<b>\$5,649</b>





## Central Intergroup of the Desert

Budget vs. Actuals: Budget 2020-2021 - FY21 P&L

July 2020 - January 2021

		TOTAL	
	ACTUAL	BUDGET	OVER BUDGET
<b>Revenue</b>			
Contributions - Conventions		1,600	(1,600)
Contributions - Groups & Individuals	55,230	42,000	13,230
Gratitude Dinner	(250)		(250)
Interest Income	41	50	(9)
Sales	33,362	51,400	(18,038)
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$88,383</b>	<b>\$95,050</b>	<b>\$ (6,667)</b>
<b>Cost of Goods Sold</b>			
Cost of Goods Sold	19,772	33,410	(13,638)
POS Inventory Adjustment	385		385
<b>Total Cost of Goods Sold</b>	<b>\$20,157</b>	<b>\$33,410</b>	<b>\$ (13,253)</b>
<b>GROSS PROFIT</b>	<b>\$68,225</b>	<b>\$61,640</b>	<b>\$6,585</b>
<b>Expenditures</b>			
Accounting Services	4,200	4,200	0
Bank Charges	4		4
Computer Expense	2,669	2,569	100
Credit Card Fees	1,210	3,615	(2,405)
Insurance - Health	2,887	2,800	87
Insurance - Liability	1,118	1,435	(317)
Insurance - Worker's Comp	1,053	1,048	5
Newsletter Expense	25	35	(10)
Office Expense	4,899	4,200	699
Outreach		700	(700)
Payroll Expenses	29,917	29,400	517
Plant Expenditures	715	1,400	(685)
Rent	8,936	10,500	(1,564)
State Filing Fees	60	60	0
Storage	1,246	1,400	(154)
Utilities	3,638	3,340	298
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$62,577</b>	<b>\$66,702</b>	<b>\$ (4,125)</b>
<b>NET OPERATING REVENUE</b>	<b>\$5,649</b>	<b>\$ (5,062)</b>	<b>\$10,711</b>
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Contributions - Groups & Individuals

January 2021

	TOTAL	
	JAN 2021	JUL 2020 - JAN 2021 (YTD)
1 Perez Plaza Meeting Room		245.00
10th Step Group Palm Desert	107.00	481.00
11th Step Meditation -SUN Palm Desert		25.00
12 & 12 La Quinta		75.00
12 and 12 Men's Stag R.M.. Monday		30.00
164 Group - WED - Palm Springs	369.41	1,062.01
3-7-11 Step Meeting	2.00	149.00
3rd & 11th Step - SUN Palm Desert		204.00
559 Meeting Hall	25.00	175.00
7AM Zoom Meeting		100.00
9am Staying Connected (Zoom)	425.00	1,685.25
An AA Big Book Group - Sunday - Desert Hot Springs		42.00
Anonymous No Group Given	2,254.02	21,470.40
As Bill Sees It - Sat Nite Idyllwild		40.00
Attitude Adjustment Rancho Mirage		250.00
Attitude Adjustment-M-F P.D. Santa Fe Square		266.00
Attitude Adjustment-M-S , Palm Desert PDCC	1,010.12	4,663.62
Attitude Adjustment-MON		20.00
Big Book Study - Wed Palm Springs	10.00	10.00
Birthday Contributions	40.00	530.00
Black Sheep Group	196.00	1,418.00
Brithday Contributions		11.00
Cathedral City 12 &12 Book Study-TUE		100.00
Central Intergroup Cathedral City		15.00
Covert IHOP Mon. Mens Stag		200.00
Cross-Country Meeting		90.46
Daily Reprieve-Daily Palm Desert	126.97	1,779.20
Desert Men's Big Book Stu Palm Desert	200.00	730.00
DHS 6am Daily Discussion Desert Hot Springs		1,007.50
Fellowship Hall		270.00
Friday Q & A Felloship Hall PD		65.00
Friends of Bill - Anonymo Palm Desert		20.00
Ground Zero	146.00	1,183.06
Happy Hour Book Study Palm Desert	30.00	30.00
How Is Your Now La Quinta		300.00
How It Works Palm Desert		11.25
Just the Black Print Big Rancho Mirage		480.50
Living Sober Group-Joshua Tree	25.00	50.00
Living Sober Palm Springs 146975	444.66	1,232.01
Living Sober-WED women		20.00
Loosey Goosey Tue Women	55.00	287.50
Meet & Potatoes 12 & 12		406.00
New Freedom Palm Desert		25.00

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January 2021

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	JAN 2021	JUL 2020 - JAN 2021 (YTD)
No Matter What Group	70.00	200.00
No Rules La Quinta	721.60	1,371.60
Old Town Coffee Shop, La Quinta, Mon Noon		76.00
Over 50 12&12 Step Study	197.95	566.40
Palm Desert 7 AM Attitude Adj. 122976	293.00	3,090.00
Perez Plaza Cathedral City Bare Bones		50.00
Perez Plaza Meeting Room/One Day at a Time Mon	50.00	207.00
Playing With A Full Deck Palm Desert		2.00
Ring of Fire		25.00
Road Runners Bermuda Dunes		283.50
Round Table Serenity Group		251.00
Santa Rosa Big Book Thump Coachella	15.00	260.00
Santa Rosa Group Palm Desert		135.00
Seniors in Sobriety		170.00
Serenity Seekers Palm Desert		960.00
Singleness of Purpose		177.00
Sisters Under the Skin Palm Springs		200.00
Smoking Jackelope Men Stag		150.00
Sober Divas		75.00
Solid Solutions- TUE		86.00
Spirituality in Recovery 258223	30.26	213.01
St. Paul's Tuesday Night Men's Stag		200.00
Step Sisters Palm Desert	150.00	629.50
Stepping Stones Palm Desert		55.00
Study for Sanity Palm Desert	158.00	158.00
Sunday Serenity Group		20.00
Sunset Group Joshua Tree	375.00	1,350.00
Sunset Group La Quinta Park	190.00	832.15
The First 164 Pages		140.00
Third Tradition Group Landers		100.00
Thurs. 7PM Attitude Adj.		50.00
Tuesday 10AM		10.00
Twilight Step Study Palm Desert	2.00	2.00
We're Not Really Here	125.00	929.00
Wed Nite Women's Discussion Heritage Palms	270.00	345.00
Women's Meeting Palm Desert		231.00
Yerba Santa Round Table Top Discussion		325.01
Not Specified	50.00	50.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$8,163.99</b>	<b>\$55,229.93</b>

# IN APPRECIATION

FOR ALL OF YOUR INDIVIDUAL SUPPORT  
DURING LAST YEAR'S CLOSURE  
OF MEETING HALLS AND EVENTS  
WE HAVE REMAINED FINANCIALLY SOLVENT  
THANKS TO YOU!

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