

Flagstaff Intergroup

Newsletter March 2019



Flagstaff Intergroup is made up of representatives from Flagstaff area Groups plus other AA members who coordinate local AA activities in service to Groups and members. Some of these activities include:

-Providing a meeting list for Flagstaff and surrounding areas, Maintaining a website www.flagstaffaa.org, Keeping an active 12-step list, Publishing a newsletter, Maintaining Flagstaff's all volunteer Central Office and literature/chip inventory & sales, and Planning special events to build unity and enjoy our sobriety.

Does your Home Group have an Intergroup representative?

COME JOIN US: 6pm on the 2nd Monday of the month at the Alano Club in the back room.

Current Intergroup openings (please announce):

Central Office Manager – recruits and coordinates office volunteers, provides training and direction, ensures the volunteers have what they need to succeed.

Unity Chair – travels to the Groups in the Flagstaff area to communicate how Intergroup supports each Group.

Special Events Coordinator – plans and facilitates the annual Gratitude Banquet and Founders Day events, plus one or two others each year.

And of course, volunteers are always needed to take time in the office, to answer the phones via call forwarding, and to be available for 12 Step calls. If you, or a sponsee, or your sponsor want to express gratitude through service talk to your Intergroup Rep or come to the next Intergroup meeting (see above).

Yes, Virginia- Roundups are part of Alcoholics Anonymous-

From our early days of AA members have joined together from time to time to put on special events to celebrate sobriety- dinners, conferences, conventions, and roundups. GSO, the General Service Office, put together guidelines for these events, MG-04 plus the Finance Guidelines, MG-15. MG-04 says "It's clear that A.A. get-togethers beyond the group have become an established part of A.A. life". MG-15 say, in part "Some groups ask their members to dig deeper into their pockets to cover a celebration." Special events happen when AA members, wishing to put on a special function, decide to rent a location, perhaps reimburse speakers for travel expenses, and incur other expenses in order to make the function happen. Asking each attendee to contribute an amount to offset these costs makes such special events possible. Nobody is charging somebody to attend a meeting; they are asking those who participate to chip in a fair share. Often, there are scholarships available for those not yet able to pay their own way. Every five years GSO puts on a giant roundup, called the International Convention, following just these principles. The Arizona Area hosts an annual Arizona State Convention. Other indications that roundups are part of AA: the Grapevine, GSO, Areas, Districts, and Intergroups publicize these events. GSO, Areas, Districts, and Intergroups accept contributions from special events. The Flagstaff Intergroup just accepted a large contribution from the International Women's Conference, a roundup type event.

Your editor consulted with Kathi F., Pacific Regional Trustee, and Dave B., Past Delegate from Arizona who agree- roundups are part of Alcoholics Anonymous.

**Stop by your Central Office to get literature and meetings lists and chips, or to volunteer.
The Office is located at 2102 E. Third Avenue in Flagstaff. Office phone (928) 774-3013
Hotline number: (928) 779-3569 www.flagstaffaa.org**

Upcoming Events – Please announce

West Valley Roundup March 15-17 Lake Pleasant Regional Park
www.aawestphoenix.org/events

Gratitude Banquet April 6 at Federated Church downtown 5pm-10pm
Out of town speaker Potluck 50/50 Raffle
See Kathy D. for more info or to volunteer

Verde Valley Roundup April 12-14 Verde Valley Fairgrounds, Cottonwood
www.verdevalleyroundup.org

Flagstaff Roundup May 31-June 2 Fort Tuthill Campground
www.flagstaffroundup.com

Please pre-register as soon as you are able!

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Tradition 3: The only requirement for membership is a desire to stop drinking.

- In my mind, do I prejudge some new AA members as losers?
- Is there some kind of alcoholic whom I privately do not want in my AA group?
- Do I set myself up as a judge of whether a newcomer is sincere or phony?
- Do I let language, religion (or lack of it), race, education, age, or other such things interfere with my carrying the message?

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Concept 3: 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.

- Do we understand what is meant by the “Right of Decision”? Do we grant it at all levels of service or do we “instruct”?
- Do we trust our trusted servants — Intergroup Reps, G.S.R.s., the Conference itself?

Treasurer’s Report	
February 2019	
Beginning Balance:	<u>\$1,817.70</u>
Income:	
International Women’s Conference	\$3,080.
Happy Hour	\$300.
HOW Group – Page	\$200.
Acceptance Group	\$468.
Total Income:	<u>\$4,048.00</u>
Expenses	
Hotline Phone	\$65.82
Central Office Phone	\$104.21
Central Office Rent	\$325.
Answering Service	\$98.56
Meeting List Printing	\$69.17
Gratitude Banquet Room Rental	\$400.
Total Expenses:	<u>\$1,062.76</u>
Ending Balance:	<u>\$4,142.09</u>

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“I was so sick when I was new, at one point I asked another guy in my home group if I could copy his Fourth Step.”

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