

Intergroup says thank you to the Groups which donated last month.

Noners	\$315.62
Women's Solutions	165.14
Early Birds	314.80
Winners Podium	<u>150.00</u>
Net Income	\$945.56
Net Expenses	1,088.75
Net Change	<\$143.19>

YOUR Intergroup is representatives and other AA members from Flagstaff Groups who coordinate local AA activities. Some of these activities include:

- Providing an area meeting list.
- Maintaining a website.
- Keeping an active 12-step list,
- Publishing a newsletter
- Maintaining Flagstaff's all volunteer Central Office and literature/chip inventory & sales
- 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.

Contributions: can be mailed to:

**Flagstaff Intergroup,
PO Box 31205, Flagstaff, 86003**



"I had a layover in Omaha ... which led to a hangover in Des Moines."

www.aagrapevine.org

Volunteers are needed for the phone line-time blocks are 8-2 and 2-8, must have a 928 phone number. Can you help?

Please announce!

If you have any questions, or comments that you would like to have answered feel free to email intergroup62@gmail.com

From the August 2010 Grapevine

Tradition 8: Professionalism and AA

FOR years I was confused about Tradition Eight. My first introduction to AA came in a treatment center, where the counselors were AA members who attended meetings with patients and even sponsored some patients (including me). I stayed sober only a year that first time, and later wondered if Tradition Eight had been an issue at all in that situation.

When my group read about Tradition Eight in Alcoholics Anonymous Comes of Age and then discussed it, I finally listened to and learned something about this Tradition. An old-timer in my group put it like this: "It is AA that is to remain forever nonprofessional. That means that AA (in the guise of a group, Intergroup, sponsor or whatever) does not pay for or receive money for face-to-face treatment of drunks. Now, of course, any AA member is permitted to get paid by a treatment center for being a counselor. That pay is not coming from AA and is not going to AA, and so it has nothing to do with Tradition Eight. The counselor who is an AA member is not being paid to do sponsorship, but rather to do a job of alcohol counseling. If he wants to be an AA sponsor, he does that on his own time." At last I understand this Tradition, at least for today.

Perhaps more will be revealed, but as I see it now, this Tradition says that AA does not pay or receive money for face-to-face treatment of drunks. Consequently, 1) Groups and sponsors of course do not charge newcomers for helping them get sober. 2) Paid AA service workers at GSO and local Intergroups do not do face-to-face treatment of drunks while they are on the job. They do that on their own time. While on the job, they refer drunks to volunteer AA members for face-to-face work. 3) Paid alcohol counselors doing face-to-face treatment of drunks are not paid by AA, nor does AA receive money for their work. This situation is not covered by Tradition Eight, since AA is not allied with those treatment centers or hospitals. Individual members who are alcohol counselors are acting on their own, and not as representatives of AA. If they engage in AA sponsorship, they do it on their own time, just like all the other AA members. Every August, one of the founding members of my group (a real character, who is jokingly said to be our spiritual leader--or is it spherical leader?) says that in honor of the eighth month and Tradition Eight, he is offering a special discount on sponsorship for anyone who needs it. Sometimes people take him up on the offer, but a good proportion of them cancel during the introductory trial period. Of course, this is all said in jest at our meetings, and we get a good laugh out of it. Our group motto is, "We will laugh at you until you learn to laugh at yourself," and we practice that principle in all of our affairs.

GABRIELA R.
Lynnwood, Wash.



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Intergroup Newsletter

News from Flagstaff Intergroup

Preamble, The following shall comprise the general warranties of the Flagstaff Intergroup, hereinafter referred to as "Intergroup", in all its proceedings. Intergroup shall observe the spirit of A.A. Traditions and concepts, taking great care: That Intergroup never becomes the seat of perilous wealth or power. That sufficient operating funds, plus ample reserve, are its prudent financial principal. That none of the Intergroup members shall ever be placed in a position of unqualified authority over any of the members. That all important decisions be reached by discussion, vote, and whenever possible, by substantial unanimity. That no Intergroup action ever be personally punitive or an incitement to public controversy. That though Intergroup may act for the service of A.A groups in the Flagstaff area, it shall never perform any acts of government. That like the society of A.A., Intergroup will always remain democratic in thought and action.

YOUR CENTRAL OFFICE

Stop by the office to pick up literature, meeting lists, or to volunteer with various Intergroup functions like the A.A. hotline, etc.

The Central Office is located at 2102 E. Third Ave. in Flagstaff

Central Office phone number: (928) 774-4353

Hotline phone number: (928) 779-3569

**Office hours: Mon 10:00-12:00 / Tue 10:00-1:00 / Wed 1:00-4:00
Thurs 3:00-5:00 / Fri 4:00-7:00 / Sat 9:00-1:00 / Sun 11:00-1:00**

Literature published by A.A. World Services, Inc. is a resource for the recovering alcoholic and for anyone who wants to find out about Alcoholics Anonymous, its history and how it works. General Service Conference-approved literature reflects the group conscience of the Fellowship of A.A. and includes the book *Alcoholics Anonymous* (affectionately known by members as the Big Book); *Daily Reflections*, a compilation of spiritual reflections contributed by members; books written by one of A.A.'s co-founders (such as *Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions* and *As Bill Sees It*); and a wide variety of pamphlets and booklets that deal with the Three Legacies of Alcoholics Anonymous: Recovery, Unity and Service.

Step 8: Made a list of all persons we had harmed, and became willing to make amends to them all.

Tradition 8: Alcoholics Anonymous should remain forever nonprofessional, but our service centers may employ special workers.

Concept 8: 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.

**Coming
Soon-
Please
Announce**

Grand Canyon Group Picnic

August 13 Shoshone Point at the Grand Canyon

Salt River Intergroup Roundup August 12-14 Scottsdale
www.sriroundup.org

Payson Roundup August 26-28 Payson
<http://paysonaa.com/activities.html>

2016 Arizona Area State Convention
September 2-4

Sheraton Crescent Hotel, 2620 W. Dunlap, Phoenix
<http://www.area03.org/Convention>