

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

Sunset Group	\$200.00
Birthday Contributions	24.00
Founders Day	<u>224.21</u>
Net Income	\$448.21
Net Expenses	190.33
Net Change	+\$257.88

**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 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the month at the Alano Club in the back room.**

**Contributions:** can be mailed to:

**Flagstaff Intergroup,**

**From the September 2016 GV**

A young AA couple hadn't been coming to meetings in a while. One evening they went to their local group and a friend said, "Well Mike, we haven't seen you two in a while. How are things going?" "OK," he answered. "We don't come to meetings as often as we should, but at least we work all Twelve Steps." "Really?" the friend said. "That's good to hear." "Yeah," said Mike. "Sue works about seven. And I work the other five!"

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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!**

**Bill W. on Tradition Nine**

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The least possible organization, that's our universal ideal. No fees, no dues, no rules imposed on anybody, one alcoholic bringing recovery to the next; that's the substance of what we most desire, isn't it? But how shall this simple ideal best be realized? Often a question, that.

We have, for example, the kind of AA who is for simplicity. Terrified of anything organized, he tells us that AA is getting too complicated. He thinks money only makes trouble, committees only make dissension, elections only make politics, paid workers only make professionals, and clubs only coddle slippers. Says he, let's get back to coffee and cakes by cozy firesides. If any alcoholics stray our way, let's look after them. But that's enough. Simplicity is our answer. Quite opposed to such halcyon simplicity is the AA promoter. Left to himself, he would "bang the cannon and twang the lyre" at every crossroad of the world. Millions for drunks, great AA hospitals, batteries of paid organizers, and publicity experts wielding all the latest paraphernalia of sound and script; such would be our promoter's dream. "Yes, sir," he would bark. "My two-year plan calls for one million AA members by 1950!"

For one, I'm glad we have both conservatives and enthusiasts. They teach us much. The conservative will surely see to it that the AA movement never gets overly organized. But the promoter will continue to remind us of our terrific obligation to the newcomer and to those hundreds of thousands of alcoholics still waiting all over the world to hear of AA. We shall, naturally, take the firm and safe middle course. AA has always violently resisted the idea of any general organization. Yet, paradoxically, we have ever stoutly insisted upon organizing certain *special services*; mostly those absolutely necessary to effective and plentiful Twelfth Step work.

If, for instance, an AA group elects a secretary or rotating committee, if an area forms an intergroup committee, if we set up a foundation, a general office, or a Grapevine, then we are organized for service. The AA book and pamphlets, our meeting places and clubs, our dinners and regional assemblies--these are services, too. Nor can we secure good hospital connections, properly sponsor new prospects, and obtain good public relations just by chance. People have to be appointed to look after these things, sometimes paid people. Special services are performed. But by none of these special services has our spiritual or social activity, the great current of AA, ever been really organized or professionalized. Yet our recovery program has been enormously aided. While important, these service activities are very small by contrast with our main effort. As such facts and distinctions become clear, we shall easily lay aside our fears of blighting organization or hazardous wealth. As a movement, we shall remain comfortably poor, for our service expenses are trifling.

With such assurances, we shall without doubt continue to improve and extend our vital lifelines of special service; to better carry our AA message to others; to make for ourselves a finer, greater Society, and, God willing, to assure Alcoholics Anonymous a long life and perfect unity.



# September 2016 **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.

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## **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**

**Step 8:** Made direct amends to such people wherever possible, except when to do so would injure them or others.

**Tradition 8:** AA, as such, ought never be organized; but we may create service boards or committees directly responsible to those they serve.

**Concept 8:** Good service leadership at all levels is indispensable for our future functioning and safety. Primary world service leadership, once exercised by the founders, must necessarily be assumed by the Trustees.

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If you have any questions, or comments that you would like to have answered feel free to email [intergroup62@gmail.com](mailto:intergroup62@gmail.com)

**Coming  
Soon-  
Please  
Announce**

**Fall In To Service Workshop**  
**October 8 - Noon - 4 @ Federated Church**  
**Food - Delegate's Report - Food - Traditions - Food**

**S. Inter-Tribal AA Group**  
**15 year anniversary potluck**  
**September 30 - 7pm Thorpe Park Community Center**