



IT NEVER GETS BETTER *...cont from May 2019*

Things were going well at first. I knew I would drink again if I stayed. In my alcoholic mind I told myself I could drink again so it was only a matter of time. As you know life goes on and things happen and our paths change, sometimes for the better and sometimes it's not clear. I did start to drink again and was partying a lot, drinking and driving all the time. I got a night job at a club. I loved it because I could drink all I wanted.

As you can already see where this is going, about nine months later I was stopped for a broken tail light and long story short I went to jail for D.U.I #6. I was devastated. I did not want to be in jail. I called home to beg for help and it worked. I got out but went to court two months later and was sent to jail for one year and had to have an inpatient drug program completed as well. As far as I was concerned my life was done this time. I went to the Salt Lake County Oxbow jail which turned out to be better than Metro. Oh, I think I failed to mention that when I was working at the bar I was introduced to cocaine and crack.

During my stay in jail this time I learned a lot and was educated by criminals on how to buy and sale drugs and where I could find them. I also learned about identity theft and fraud, check cashing, check making, shoplifting, returns and all kinds of quick come ups. I got out of jail and within three hours I

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**Please join us!
for the 2019 annual
Central Office**



**Founders Day Breakfast
Sunday June 16th @ 10:00 am**



**Fairmont Park
1049 Sugarfont Dr. SLC 84106
Maingrove Pavillion**



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NEWS & UPDATES

NEW MEETINGS:

Get Right, Late Night-

Fridays 11:15 PM- 12:15 AM at Fellowship Hall

Magna Friendly Bunch -

Mon-Thur 9:00am @ the Alano West Club - 9087 W Main St. Magna.

The Coven -

Tuedays 7:00pm @ Fellowship Hall 2060 S. Windsor 840 E. SLC. Women's Meeting.

CinemAA -

Mondays 6:00pm @ Cold Creek, 521 N. Sportsplex Dr. Kaysville, UT 84037

Millcreek Meditation Meeting -

Mondays 6:00pm @ 2780 E. 3900 S. Risen Life Church. Enter in back of office.

We Agnostics Step Study -

Fridays 8pm @ Fellowship Hall 2060 S Windsor St. SLC

MEETING UPDATES:

Rose Park Recovery

Now in the Northwest Community Center: 1300 W. 300 N. Salt Lake

Park City Speakers Group

Same building, new room, different entrance St Marys: 1505 White Pine Canyon Rd. Park City

Carpet Slippers

Changed meeting start time from 7:15 to 7:00pm

Last Run w/Bill W.

Last run with Bill W (ski season only) on Fri@4:30pm changing to summer hours: Sat@1pm

Red Eye Coffee-

is now "Rise and Grind"

Rise and Grind

Tooele Beginners -

Meets every day from **7-8** am (not 7-8:30)

Murray Group -

Moving to Christ Lutheran Church 240 E. 5600S. Murray, UT 84107 - Wed @ 8:00pm

MEETING UPDATES CONTINUED:

"Foothill Group" -

is now "Salt Lake Young People"

Acceptance is the answer -

Moving from Mon to Wed. @7:30. 777 S. 1300 E. Baptist Church

Southenders -

Location change to Jims Family restaurant, 1728 W. Park Ave. Riverton. Tue 7pm

Womens 12 x12 & Book Study -

location change to 2015 Newcastle Dr. Sandy, Presbyterian Church. Thur @7:00pm

Dist 11 GSR -

Moving to S. Davis Recovery Club

220 W. Center St. Bountiful, 84010. 2nd Wed

Cottonwood Speaker/step discussion -

moving to: 8029 S 700 E Sandy 84070 -Collective Recovery center Sunday at 10:00am

Highlanders -

Moving to 7486 Union Park Ave. Midvale, UT 84047. Wed @ 8:00pm

CANCELED MEETINGS:

A Way In For Beginners -

Wed @7:15pm Fellowship

Nomadic Lunch Bunch -

Wed @ noon - Fat Cats Bowling Alley

Monday Night into Action Step Study -

Mon @ 7 pm 2015 E. Newcastle, Sandy

White Flag Group -

Sat @ 6:00pm



CENTRAL OFFICE REPS: MEETING MINUTES

5/14/19 @ 6:30 pm

Chair: Julian - Warranties and statement purpose. Welcomes all Central Office Reps.

Co-Chair: Dave V - Wants to welcome all the new C.O. Reps.

Treasurer: Arty- Everything is going well.

Secretary: Rob C - All is going well. Keep smiling & thanks for your service.

Trustee District 2: Paul M -

Trustee District 10: Brad M - No report

Trustee District 11: Doug R - We are having hotline issues, new support system might be Digicom.

Alt Trustee: Mike A. - District 10 needs volunteers, a DCM and an alt DCM.

Activities: Rob C. - Founders Day Picnic is June 16th at Fairmont Park from 10:00 to 2:00.

Archives: Laura- Please have your groups write histories of how they began so that people can read about them in the archives room.

Corrections: Dave R.- Needs volunteers to take meetings into the jails and prisons. One year of sobriety is required, off paper one year as well.

Literature: Charlie T - New book from GSO, Bill W's conference talks. Available now at Central Office.

Newsletter: Shurone - Always looking for stories, poetry, and art work for the lifeline.

Treatment: Rusty J - Treatment Centers are full this time of year, lots going on. Meeting being held at the VOA detox center. Glad to be of service.

Volunteers: Doug R. - Thanks to everyone who runs Central Office

Coins: Jim C, Sandy A, Chris C - We inventory and order chips on a weekly basis.

Public Information: Mellissa E. - No response from High Schools, but still trying to provide them with information. Pride is coming up in June, will be there with literature racks and books etc.

Hotline: Danny R. - Is taking over the hotline, handed out his contact information.

Events: Jeremy C - If anyone has events they would like to add to the calander let me know - events@saltlakeaa.org

Old Business:

Committee Chair Positions still open and available:

New Business: Vacant Committee Chair Positions Open (Duties and Qualifications read from the Central Office by-laws)

Cooperation with Professionals - Joe

Outreach - Julie

Adjourn and close with the Serenity Prayer

**Next Central Office Rep. meeting will be held on Tuesday
June 11th 2019 @ 6:30pm**



SALT LAKE CENTRAL OFFICE APRIL FINANCIALS



Income Statement

	2019	2018
<u>Revenue</u>		
Group Contributions	\$2,618.15	\$3,345.13
Copy/Newsletter donations	\$51.25	\$44.05
Individual Contributions	\$-	\$-
Sales - Literature	\$11,643.72	\$8,192.25
Sales - Coins	\$1,064.35	\$1,501.00
Interest Income	\$-	\$2.99
Total Revenue:	\$15,377.47	\$13,085.42
COGS - Literature	\$11,375.83	\$7,901.78
COGS - Coins	\$1,028.18	\$845.33
Total COGS	\$12,404.01	\$8,747.11
Gross Profit	\$2,973.46	\$4,338.31
Operating Expenses	\$3,663.93	\$5,071.11
Other Expenses:	\$- \$-	
Total Expenses	\$3,663.93	\$5,071.11
Net Income:	\$(690.47)	\$(732.80)

Bank Accounts

Checking & Petty Cash	\$17,610.01	\$31,267.11
Accounts Payable Due	\$(1,787.07)	\$(11,205.67)
Money Market - PR	\$24,311.44	\$24,210.62
Total	\$40,134.38	\$44,272.06

- Please note that according to the central office bylaws it is required to have 6 mos overhead in the prudent reserve. Average monthly costs are \$4000/mo, \$24,000 for 6 mos
- A detail of group contributions is available and will be handed out quarterly.
- On-line contributions made in January will be reflected on the February Statement

Group Contributions - April

Come As You Are	249.09
Cowboy Grub Lunch	25.00
Highlanders	310.00
Live and Let Live	45.00
Midvale Lunch Bunch	180.21
Murray Group	48.00
No Nonsense	59.00
Non Smoking Sobriety	100.00
Off the Cuff	30.12
Salt Lake Group	100.00
Total Salt Lake Group	100.00
Saturday Morning SOTS	84.26
South Davis AA	75.00
South Enders	300.00
Speak Easy Women	158.02
Spiritual Quest	26.18
Sugarhouse Men's	221.25
Wake Up Call	264.27
Weekend Warriors	35.50
TOTAL	2,618.15

"WE ARE SELF SUPPORTING THROUGH OUR OWN CONTRIBUTIONS..."

AA BEHIND BARS

Dear readers, since my last letter I am proud to say, I'm still in recovery thanks to creator and the will power he has gifted me with. I am Native American and attend Wellbriety, a 12-step program for natives. The program teaches steps in a traditional way, it keeps me in touch with a passion I have to seek who my people are and what they have lived for and died for. Alcohol is a big problem for everyone who takes advantage of the substance, especially natives on reservations throughout our world. Alcohol is our biggest problem. We all know what alcohol can do to us all, it is the same on the rez, it seems it has been part of the culture and second hand nature to let alcohol and drugs kill and harm so many of us. My goal as an addict is to not add to our problems. I have committed myself to my recovery and the focus of my recovery is to help others. I am one who will call others on their crap, such as glorifying about past usage of any substance, and talking about the harm we have caused to everyone, even ourselves. I love to speak about living a healthy life, not only in society, but in prison as well. Could any of you imagine if we could honestly understand triggers, risk factors and interventions? If you could understand this, put yourself in the place of your mother, father, your wife and children, siblings and friends and start to forgive and love yourself, you have a chance to find a connection with

something more powerful than your own selfish needs. This connection I am speaking of is having and feeling true freedom from any addiction that have enslaved us for so long. I have this connection and it feels awesome. I asked my creator with my whole heart to release me from this garbage, from this prison, and I haven't used since then. I have been in recovery for 6 years, 9 months and 2 days, and yes, I am counting. I'm counting because the bottom of my very lowest came in prison. I wondered, if I cannot change any of my behaviors now, this will be my life for the rest of my life, so I made a choice to stop destroying and I have kept my word to myself to stop. Step one is really difficult for me. First, I had to be honest. Second, I had to find my faith. Third I had to figure out what hope means. All three together has not been easy. It's taken me 6 years, 9 months and 2 days to get right with step one, and now I'm ready to move forward to step two. As I leave this letter to all of you, I pray for all of you and may the creator bless you all. I feel so free; this has been my recipe for my recovery. I hope those who have no answer or are struggling will work step one and be honest, first to yourself. One step at a time, one day at a time.

I love you all. -S.T.6



If you would like to volunteer to bring A.A. meetings to the Utah State Prison or the Utah County Jail, please contact Central Office @ 801.484.7871 or text 801.450.5600

UPCOMING EVENTS

Post Conference / Area 69

June 7th, 8th & 9th - 2019

Quality Inn / Swains Brothers

1684 W Hwy 40 Vernal, UT 84078

for more information: dkoense8@gmail.com



Come Join us at Defa's Ranch For
the 37th
G.O.D. Camp-Out!
July 12th, 13th & 14th - 2019
*flyers and registration forms available at
Central Office

2019 Area 69's

Bridging the Gap Workshop

Hosted by District 2

June 22nd 2019 - 9:30am-3:30pm

3301 E Louise Ave Millcreek, Utah 84109

Lunch will be served - donations welcomed

Pre-Assembly Workshop Area 69

hosted by District 7

August 17-18, 2019

Ramada Inn

1575 W. 200 N. Cedar City, Utah

for more information call Janet @ 435-590-6245 or
jhafen@scinternet.net



TO all groups in district 2, 10, and 11!

I am trying to put together a collection of histories of how your group started. Please put your heads together and write up a one page story of the origin of your group. These stories will be kept in a binder and available for

reading in the new Archives room at Central Office. If possible please type and include a contact phone number.

Thanks, Laura C.

***Please send events to lifeline@saltlakeaa.org**

"WE DO NOT REGRET THE PAST"

UCYPAA

Bryce Canyon, UT

June 28-30, 2019

Speakers

FINN A ★ TINA A ★ WADE J

Tucson, AZ Los Angeles, CA SLC, UT

Friday

Saturday

Sunday

Plus!...

**Panels ★ Concepts Workshop ★ Stargazing
Half-Marathon Meetings ★ Hiking
Mafia & Other Campfire Games**

Pre-Registration \$20 at ucypaa.org/register
Includes camping at Ruby Inn RV & Campground
(link to hotel room block option on webpage)

"NOR WISH TO SHUT THE DOOR ON IT"

my home group: women's circle of



The Women's Circle of Hope held their first meeting in 2008. We met at the Mountain Road Church located at 796 S Mountain Road in Fruit Heights, Utah. The meeting still meets at this location every Saturday from 10:00am-11:00am. At the first meeting, 10-12 women attended. The founding member of the group is Susan M. E. and she was an early group officer, along with Kirsten E., Heather L. The group was small at that time, there was only 10-15 women at the first meeting, so these women rotated positions practically every week. The group did list with the General Service Office in 2008 but in researching the history of the group, we found that they only had paperwork from 2012 onward.

This meeting started because there were not any women's meetings with much support for understanding about AA. This has always been a closed women's meeting and all women are always welcome. The founding members went to other meetings and announced the meeting time, date, and place. They also passed out flyers with the group's information. In that first year, member numbers were down to two women and so we almost gave up the meeting. At that time, we had women attending the meeting who only wanted to share on the addiction problem, not the solution.

Now there are, on average, 12-15 women attending each week and a strong sisterhood has grown from this meeting. Each week we try to focus on the solution and read the traditional literature such as the Daily Reflections, 12 Steps, 12 Traditions. We celebrate group member's anniversaries of sobriety by giving coins for milestones. These coins come from the members themselves who donate the coins so

we can remain self-supporting. We will be celebrating the group's anniversary this year by attending a Women's Retreat in September. This is the first time doing this but we hope to do this again each year to celebrate the group's anniversary.

Our members are very active in participating at the group, District and Area levels. Our group has all positions filled and, in the spirit of rotation, new members serve for 6 months for all positions except Treasurer and General Service Representative (GSR), as these are 2-year positions. We have monthly business meetings where we hear the Treasurer's and GSR's Reports and review old or new business. Our members are also very active in service to a variety of conferences, assemblies, and conventions. We support other women's group's fundraisers in both attendance of them and in announcing them in other meetings to raise awareness of the events. Our group also cooperates with professional agencies by signing court cards, taking meetings in to the women in jail, and are on the call list at Central Office. Since the beginning of this group we have shone a light for other women with a desire to stop drinking. We foster an open and loving atmosphere to everyone and that carries each of us through the next 24 hours. We have a phone list that gets updated regularly. Anytime there is a woman attending our meeting for the first time, a home group member will make sure to give her the phone list and we make sure they feel welcome. This group has garnered a name in the region for being a great women's meeting with strong sobriety and diverse membership.



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was in a Chevron bathroom smoking crack cocaine. Then I got stuck in the bathroom for about 40 minutes all paranoid. I was supposed to go to the first step house first thing but instead I decided to get high. I did eventually make it there and was put on house restriction because I was high.

Things started going well, I was doing the program again, I got a job and was getting home visits. About 4 months into my program I was working at a place called Pizza Time as a shift supervisor. The manager was a real good friend of mine so she gave me a chance.

I had been working there about 3 months and one night just before closing time my sister showed up. She was there because she wanted some pizza. Next thing I know we are in the back room in the office smoking crack. I locked up the store, sent my drivers home and cleaned up and closed the store. I had no intention of going back to the First Step House. Instead I took the \$3,500 deposit and went and got some more crack and a motel room.

3 or 4 days later I woke up out of money, out of dope, out a job and lost a good friend. Who does something like that? Here I was back at it again, but this time it was all going to be different because I learned the ropes on how to make money quickly so that I was able to pay for hotel rooms and stay high.

For the next 3 years my addiction got to its worst, there was not much that I would not do to stay high and survive. I was on the run from probation and I had several warrants. From 1993 to 1996 I became everything I said I would never be. I was a liar, cheat, a thief. I stole check credit cards, account numbers, it did not matter. I found something I was good at. At first, I did not

like doing it but when I got good, I lost all sight of myself and my morals.

July 1996 was when things got real. I was involved in a strong-arm robbery, 2 high speed chases, aggravated assault on a police officer, brandishing a fire arm, grand theft auto and distribution of cocaine and crank. Yes, my life spun out of control. Thinking back now as I write this, what was I thinking? Two days before I was caught, I was in the lobby of a hotel where there was news on the t.v. and what do you know, I made the news, Utah's most wanted on Fox 13.

At this point I should have just given up, it might have been easier, but in my mind I was unstoppable. Well, Mr. unstoppable was caught two days later and about a month or so later I was sentenced on several felonies and sent to the Utah State Prison. This was definitely going to be the beginning of a new chapter in my life, the getting sober years.

(To be cont. next month...)



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poetry BEHIND BARS



FOR more than thirty years
I've stayed and played
Behind the walls of denial
For three decades enslaved
Now that's quite a while
It was denial self will and
Indulgence in false pride
I couldn't face reality
So I'd use the dope to hide
I couldn't/wouldn't admit
That I was sick.....
So I'd smoke me a dub
Hard fast and quick
To hell with some love
I need my fix
Who was at fault
Well, I didn't blame myself
I didn't have any self respect
I didn't respect anyone else
I lost my business, jobs, money homes
One day I look around
My whole family was gone
You think that I quit
Nope! I was too full of greed
You see, I thought smoking crack
Could fulfill my needs
Whether broke, busted, disgusted
Simply feeling under loved
My solution to any problem
Was to smoke another dub

With no home, no phone, no job
No money or even a car
Acting and performing
Doing things alarming
I became a euphoric rock star
Tweaking and geeking
Running hard, cooking
Gunning and playing tough
Slept under a bridge
A few nights when it rained
Man! Now that was rough
Not a soul could I trust
A child woman or man
But get mine I must
And I always had a plan

Then there was violence
As smoking causes strife
A fool pulled a pistol
And threatened my life
Another day I was busted
I went straight to jail
I realized my own demise
I'd created my own hell
You see, I'd started to smoke
Because I couldn't cope
In the beginning it was good
But then I learned why
Dope is called dope

I kept smoking and smoking
Trying to find some hope
Committing slow suicide
Without using a gun or a rope
Tweaking and geeking
Running hard day and night
Committing all sorts of wrongs
Justifying them to be right
Grinding hard to live large
As my life fell through crack
Now I own an addiction
With puff dragon
Breathing at my back
You see, I thought that
I was a player
But euphoria played me
She chained me to addiction
So I'll never be free
But I've finally awakened
From my ghoulish pipe dream
One day at a time
Is the theme to my
New clean scheme.....

Sam M. K.

I am Sam I am

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