



When anyone, anywhere, reaches out for help, I want the hand of A.A. to always be there. And for that, **I am responsible.**

# HOLIDAY 2011 District 08-813 Newsletter



## District 08-813 Officers

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Archivist	OPEN
Newsletter	OPEN
Combined Committee Chair	OPEN

## District Meeting

### Location:

Living Waters Church  
9201 E Happy Valley Rd, Scottsdale

### Date & Time:

Last Monday of Month @ 5:45 PM  
email: [district813@area03.org](mailto:district813@area03.org)

## Area 03 Assembly November Election Assembly

Arizona Western College, YUMA  
Sat & Sun, Nov 5th & 6th 2011

Flyer located on Area Website  
[novemberassemblyhost@area03.org](mailto:novemberassemblyhost@area03.org)

## AA World Services

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## Area 03 Website

area03.org

## Local A.A. Hotline

Salt River Intergroup  
602.264.1341 / [aaphoenix.org](mailto:aaphoenix.org)  
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623.937.7770 / [aawestphoenix.org](mailto:aawestphoenix.org)  
East Valley Intergroup  
480.834.9033 / [aamesaz.org](mailto:aamesaz.org)

## Notes from your D.C.M.

As my 2 year term as your dcm comes to a close and I "rotate on" to wherever my HP would have me go, I want to thank the gsr's that I have had the pleasure of serving with. Where I have stumbled you have graciously taken up the slack; when we have voted to take on a project you saw it thru. I am a better person for knowing you. TY

**November Elections:** All officer positions (dcm & alt, treas & co, secy) will be voted in Nov, term to begin Jan 2012. Newsletter, Combined Committee Chair & Archivist are still open.  
~ In Loving Service, Carolyn R.

## FELLOWSHIP IN A.A.

### Halloween Bash & Costume Contest sponsored by SRI

Crossroad East @ 1845 E Ocotillo, Phx (near 19th St & Lincoln)  
5p Kids Games & Food; 7p Open Speaker; 8p Costume Contest; 9p Dance.

Sat, Oct 29th

### Trick or Treat AA RoundUp

Apostle Lutheran Church 7020 W Cactus, Peoria.  
PreReg: \$6, Door \$7 includes most food & activities. Marathon Mtgs start @ 10a & end 9p w Candlelight Mtg; Open Speakers 12:15p Karen N, Flagstaff & 3p Shorty T, Peoria.  
BINGO (bring white elephant gift) \* Pass the Orange \* Best Costume Prizes (scariest, funniest, most sexy) \* 50/50 \* Karaoke. Info: Sandi K 602.820.1413 / Sasha F 623.255.4399

Sat, Oct 29th 9a - 10p

### Boo-gie Nights hosted by Mesa RoundUp

1st United Methodist 15 E 1st St, Mesa. 7p Meet N Greet; 8p Open Spkr Chuck P;  
9:15p Dance (\$5). Costume Contest \* 50/50 \* Raffle \* Food & Drinks  
Info: Aimee F 480.286.0522 / Lakrisha R 480.292.3118 or [Mesaroundup.com](http://Mesaroundup.com)

Sat, Oct 29th 7p - Midnight

### EVI Monthly Speaker Meeting

Faith Community Church 1125 N Dobson, Chandler. 7p Social Time; 7:30p Meeting

1st Fridays, Nov 4th

### East Valley Intergroup Sponsorship Workshop

Hosted by Gilbert Gals Group. Chandler Presbyterian 1500 W Germann, Chandler. Home groups are encouraged to host this event by providing 2 ppl (1M/1F) to discuss sponsorship using AA approved literature. Q & A. Volunteer: Ginny F 480.241.1424 or EVI 480.827.1905

Sat, Nov 12th @ 10:00a

### EVI Thanksgiving Alcolthon

Faith Comm Ch 1125 N Dosbon, Chandler. Mtgs, Food, Games, TRADITIONS PLAY @ 7P  
Holiday Inn Casa Grande. Info? [CGYPAA@gmail.com](mailto:CGYPAA@gmail.com) / phone or text 602.456.TPAA

Noon Wed Nov 23 thru Noon Thurs 24

### 3rd Annual Jerome RoundUp

Spook Hall 260 Hull Ave. Reg \$20. Open Skrs 11a Charlie, Iowa & 7p Jim M, Illinois; Dance & Blues Band Following. 5p Chili CookOff Champs Defend their Title, Register your Home Group 2 Compete; "Underground" Mtgs. Info: [juneamy6@aol.com](mailto:juneamy6@aol.com) or 623.329.2096

Sat, Nov 5th & Sun, Nov 6th

### "Home for the Holidays" Thanksgiving Dinner with Your Family

Hosted by Distrcit 14-142 Church of the Nazarene 3741 N Constance Rd, Prescott Valley  
What to Bring: Your Fave Desert or Side. District Provides: Turkey Dinner, Water & Coffee  
Each of us has found a new recovery family in AA & We all know holidays are for family.  
Families Welcome! Small Mtgs @ 11a & 3p; Dinner 1p; Spkr Mtg 2p.

Thurs, Nov 24th 11a-3p

### Christmas Alcolthon hosted by SRI

Christmas Alcolthon Planning Committee Needs Volunteers  
Featuring 24 hrs of Meetings, Hospitality & Activities. Call SRI @ 602.264.1341 for Info

Christmas Eve & Day

Meets Weds @ 630p

## AREA 03 NEWSBEAT

### 12th Annual Corrections Conference "But for the Grace of God"

FCI 8901 S Wilmot Tucson AZ Reg \$15. Fri 5p-9p Ice Cream Social & Speaker. Sat 9a-5p  
Panels with Correctional Professionals & AA Members, lunch included. No Security Clearance is needed to attend this conference. Info: [area03.org](mailto:area03.org) or Jack W 520.906.4888

Jan 20th & 21st

### PRASSA 2012

Western Washington Area 74 is pleased to host in Bellevue WA. Info: [praasa.org](mailto:praasa.org)

March 2nd thru 4th

### Bridging the Gap - Between Treatment & AA through Temporary Contact Programs

One of the more "slippery" places in the journey to sobriety is between the doors of treatment and the nearest AA group. In order to bridge the gap, AA members have volunteered to be temporary contacts and introduce newcomers to AA. if you would like to volunteer for either persons coming out of treatment or corrections or borh, please email [treatment@area03.org](mailto:treatment@area03.org) or [corrections@area03.org](mailto:corrections@area03.org) or both.

## Where do I mail contributions?

General Services Office / P.O. Box 459 Grand Central Station / New York, NY 10163-0459  
Arizona Area 03 Committee / P.O. Box 3229 / Show Low, AZ 85902  
District 08 / P.O. Box 45066 / Phoenix, AZ 85064-5066  
District 08-813 / P.O. Box 19021 / Fountain Hills, AZ 85269-9021



## FINAL NEWSLETTER ???

This may be the last edition of your District Newsletter. Say it ain't so!  
Please Volunteer.

## 12 Holiday Tips

Holiday parties without liquid spirits may still seem a dreary prospect to new AAs. But many of us have enjoyed the happiest holidays of our lives sober-an idea we never would have dreamed of, wanted, or believed possible when drinking. Here are some tips for having an all-around ball without a drop of alcohol.

1. Line up extra activities. Take newcomers to meetings, answer phones, speak, help with dishes, visit the alcoholic ward at a hospital.
2. Be host to AA freinds, especially newcomers. If you dont have a place you can throw a party take one person to dinner and spring for the coffee.
3. Keep your AA phone list with you at all time. If a drinking urge or panic comes - postpone everything until you've called an AA.
4. Find out about special holiday parties, meetings or other celebrations given by groups in your area, and go. If you're timid, take someone newer than you are.
5. Skip any drinking occasion you are nervous about. No party is as important as saving your life.
6. If you have to go to a drinking party and can't take an AA with you, keep some candy handy.
7. Don't think you have to stay late. Plan in advance an "important date" you have to keep.
8. Worship in your own way.
9. Don't sit around brooding. Catch up on those books, museums, walks and letters.
10. Don't start now getting worked up about all those holiday temptations. Remember - "one day at a time."
11. Enjoy the true beauty of holiday love and joy. Maybe you cannot give material gifts - but this year, you can give love.
12. "Having had a ..." No need to spell out the 12th Step here. since you already know it.

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