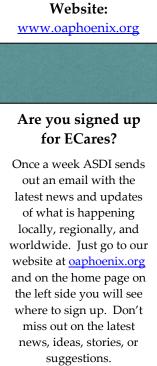


## Arizona Serenity in the Desert Intergroup Newsletter

### June 2014

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JUNE 20, 2014

#### "Keeping your Abstinence Strong and Intact"

A new OA World Service Office program with a slide presentation, panel discussion, writing and sharing.

OA Office 1219 E. Glendale Ave. #23 Phoenix, AZ 85020 7:00pm – 9:00pm

Contact Kathy Y. 602-930-2689 or Greg L. 480-688-2222



## Overeaters Anonymous Office: 1219 East Glendale Ave. #23, Phoenix, AZ 85020 602-234-1198

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### How Can You Keep Your Abstinence Strong and Intact?

#### From <u>www.oa.org</u> :

In OA, abstinence is defined as:

"Abstinence is the action of refraining from compulsive eating and compulsive food behaviors while working towards or maintaining a healthy body weight. Spiritual, emotional and physical recovery is the result of living the Overeaters Anonymous Twelve-Step program."

Ask yourself...

- 1) Have I been abstinent today?
- 2) Did I pray and meditate today?
- 3) Am I maintaining or working towards a healthy body weight?
- 4) Did I rely on my Higher Power to get or stay abstinent today?
- 5) Is what I am currently doing working for me to remain abstinent?
- 6) If I am having problems have I asked someone else what they are doing?
- 7) Have I made an OA call today?
- 8) Did I have an attitude of gratitude today?
- 9) Did I plan my food today?
- 10) Have I helped someone else today?
- 11) Did I have an action plan in place to stay abstinent today?
- 12) Do I have a sponsor and am I working the Steps with that person?

ATTEND THE OA WORKSHOP ON FRIDAY NIGHT, JUNE 20th FROM 7:00PM TO 9:00PM AT THE OA OFFICE. SLIDE PRESENTATION, PANEL, WRITING AND SHARING.

## JOB TITLE: GOD REPORTS TO: No one. SUBORDINATES: All of creation.

## MEETING CHANGE

#### Monday 7:00pm

The Mercy/Gilbert meeting has been changed to a new location:

#### Desert Cross Lutheran Church 3249 S. Lindsay Rd.

Suite 106 Gilbert, AZ 85296 (Southeast corner of Pecos/Lindsay. We are in the buildings facing Pecos behind the church and on the far east end of parking lot in the Preschool room)

Contact Linda 480-984-8553

#### MEETING NEEDS SUPPORT

Wednesday 12:00pm

**Tempe First Methodist Church** 215 E. University Drive Tempe, AZ 85281

Contact Joshua 415-307-6313

MAIN RESPONSIBILITIES: Maintains an open door policy that lends itself to frequent discussion with His subordinates at all times in all matters. Leads, guides, and directs in matters of nutrition, exercise, thought processing related to food gathering, preparation, and consumption for all occasions, both routine and those times of holidays and other celebrations.

Is available for counsel in any and all emotional matters that would cause one to reach for food in an inappropriate manner. Provides balance between rules and needs for His subordinates. Is always available, any time of day or night, on an as needed basis; basically on call 24/7.

Is willing, able and delights in spending time with His subordinates to discuss any matter and to provide assistance when asked.

A just being that has love and compassion at the core of His being. If need be, is willing and able to provide correction, as needed to fit the behavior(s) that have been displayed.

Fills the role of confidant, friend, provider, healer and Master to those He supervises.

This is my understanding of God and how He can and will work in my life as I am willing to surrender to Him. I hope that this concept is meaningful to the recovery of others.

~Dale Z.

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## SAVE THE DATE August 8, 9, & 10 2014

## REGION III Convention & Assembly

### **Tempe Mission Palms**

60 East Fifth Street Tempe, AZ 85281

If you have any questions/requests regarding the convention & assembly, contact Kayla at 480-626-2123 or email <u>kayla301@cox.net</u>

(Brochures available in the OA Office or on the website: <u>www.oaphoenix.org</u>)

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#### This is your newsletter!

We are always looking for contributions from our local fellowship. Share your experience, strength, and hope of recovery with others. It is as easy as emailing it to: check.perception@gmail.com

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#### The Tools Of Recovery

#### A Plan of Eating

A plan of eating helps us abstain from compulsive eating. (See the pamphlet *Dignity of Choice.*) This tool helps us deal with the physical aspects of our disease and achieve physical recovery.

#### Sponsorship

We ask a sponsor to help us through our program of recovery on all three levels: physical, emotional and spiritual. Find a sponsor who has what you want and ask that person how he or she is achieving it.

#### Meetings

Meetings give us an opportunity to identify our common problem, confirm our common solution through the Twelve Steps and share the gifts we receive through this program. In addition to face-to-face meetings, OA offers telephone and online meetings.

#### Telephone

Many members call, text or email their sponsors and other OA members daily. Telephone or electronic contact also provides an immediate outlet for those hard-to-handle highs and lows we may experience.

#### Writing

Putting our thoughts and feelings down on paper helps us to better understand our actions and reactions in a way that is often not revealed to us by simply thinking or talking about them.

#### Literature

We read OA-approved books, pamphlets and *Lifeline* magazine. Reading literature daily reinforces how to live the Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions. Action Plan

An action plan is the process of identifying and implementing attainable actions that are necessary to support our individual abstinence. Just like our plan of eating, it may vary widely among members and may need to be adjusted to bring structure, balance and manageability into our lives.

#### Anonymity

Anonymity guarantees we will place principles before personalities and assures us that only we have the right to make our membership known within our community. Anonymity at the level of press, radio, films, television and other public media of communication means that we never allow our faces or last names to be used once we identify ourselves as OA members. Within the Fellowship, anonymity means that whatever we share with another OA member will be held in respect and confidence. What we hear at meetings should remain there.

#### Service

Any form of service that helps reach a fellow sufferer adds to the quality of our own recovery. Members can give service by getting to meetings, putting away chairs, putting out literature and talking to newcomers. Beyond the group level, a member can serve as intergroup representative, committee chair, region representative or Conference delegate

## **STEP SIX**

Were entirely ready to have God remove all these defects of character.

## TRADITION SIX

An OA group ought never endorse, finance, or lend the OA name to any related facility or outside enterprise, lest problems of money, property, and prestige divert us from our primary purpose.

## **CONCEPT SIX**

The World Service Business Conference has entrusted the Board of Trustees with the primary responsibility for the administration of Overeaters Anonymous.

## **Region 3 Representatives & World Service Delegates**

Marie, Kayla, Teri, Bobbi, Alternate: Jackie

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