



# District 15 Newsletter

Yuma, AZ

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## Birthdays

September	4	Tommi
	5	Rebecca A.
	9	Ray C.
	15	Bill Y.
	16	Chris H.
	19	Chris H.

I love birthdays!

Please send October birthdays by September 22nd to be included in the October newsletter:

[newsdistrict15@gmail.com](mailto:newsdistrict15@gmail.com)  
Subject: **BIRTHDAYS**



**DRAGGING ASS  
8AM MEETING**

**@449 CLUB**

**MONDAY  
THRU FRIDAY**

**SPEAKER DISCUSSION MEETING FORMAT:** The meeting is opened with the established format. Then the chairperson introduces the speaker and the group they're from. Then the guest speaker shares for ten to fifteen minutes and opens the floor for general discussion or topic of their choice. Until about five minutes before closing and gives the meeting back to the chairperson.

## You've Got a Date!

September 6-9	27th National/International Native American Indian Alcoholics Anonymous Convention	Fountain Hills	<a href="http://www.Area03.org">www.Area03.org</a>
September 7-9	Pacific Regional Forum 2018	San Jose, CA	<a href="http://www.Area03.org">www.Area03.org</a>
September 19	Yuma Intergroup	Yuma	449 Club small room 5:30 pm
September 19	District 15/GSR	Yuma	Gila Mt. Methodist 7:00 pm
September 21-23	Hualapai Mountain Round Up (FREE)	Kingman	<a href="http://www.Area03.org">www.Area03.org</a>
November 2-4	31 <sup>st</sup> Miracle on the River	Lake Havasu City, AZ	<a href="http://havasuaa.org/">http://havasuaa.org/</a>
November 3	November Assembly	Lake Havasu City, AZ	

## I Feel Him

My mother and father were born in Mexico but immigrated to USA where I was born. My father's father was Basque from Spain and had gotten into trouble in Mexico and left my father an orphan, but my mother's family was healthy and loving. My hardworking parents sent me to live with my grandmother in Mexico. I came back to start school and could only speak Spanish which was okay on the playground but not in class, so I ran away from kindergarten the first day. That started it. I pretty much raised myself on the street and got into criminal gangs that controlled the streets, the money, and the drugs.

From twelve or thirteen, I was in and out of jail constantly, busted for selling drugs, and sent to California Rehabilitation Center. A few years later I was in county jail facing a murder charge. I remember looking out through those bars and thinking I would never see the streets again. That put me in San Quentin for a few years. I managed to get out but went back to the gang, now at war, and got busted for kidnapping a member of a rival gang. I went back to prison. I finally realized I was getting used by other people. This time when I got out I went to the gang and told them something wasn't right and I was leaving. I expected to get beaten up and have my motorcycle stolen but they let me go.

A good woman followed me and we left the area to build a life, but I started drinking again. She told me, "You're a good, loving man and you treat people right, but if you think you are going to drink and go to jail and I'll follow, I'm not going to do it." When I make my mind up, I do what I want. For twenty years I stopped drinking, worked hard, got married, and bought a home. We lived a really good life. But, she died.

I stayed sober and worked for another three or four years until some girls invited me to go to the casino. They asked me why I didn't drink and I finally broke down. Within three months I got arrested in the parking lot and sent back to jail. I thought, 'Here I go, again.' They took my license and after a week sent me to AA. The second meeting a guy gave me a Big Book and told me to read it from here to there. I did exactly what he told me and he sponsored me for two more years. I retired and moved to Yuma to take care of my mother, but I still call him.

I didn't go to AA for about a year. I did community and Christian service with a riding partner, and his sponsor is a member from Foothills Alano Club and asked me if I had forgotten my twelve steps. He told me I had better get my \_\_\_ to a meeting. There they made me feel comfortable right away.

Now I stay involved with meetings, speaking, chairing, studying, and 12th step visits. I go to Mass every Sunday with friends and study Catholicism.

I feel good. I feel blessed and my life has changed.

I feel Him close to me all the time. I feel Him in my heart all the time.

**Squeak**

## ***Speakers Online***

**Do you love listening to the experience, strength, and hope of personal stories but find it difficult to make the meetings?**

## **Listen online!**

**Many recent recordings are available for us to hear on our digital devices at our personal convenience.**

**You can find these on the Yuma Intergroup website:**

***<https://www.aayuma.com/>***

**On the "SPEAKERS" tab:**

***<https://soundcloud.com/kit-c-994906361>***

## **Editor's Notes**

**We have returned to Yuma and consistent internet services.**

**Please contact me at [newsdistrict15@gmail.com](mailto:newsdistrict15@gmail.com).**

**I would appreciate your personal stories, group stories, birthdays, news, and comments and suggestions.**

**If you wish to tell me your story, I will write it with you.**

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