

# On the Rogue Again



## Jackson County Central Office Newsletter

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### Central Office News

#### At the OFFICE (July 2018):

Visitors 48  
Calls 32  
Meeting inquiries 7  
Website 659

**Great people providing a valued service! Thanks to all**

#### Board Members

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Interested in learning more about Jackson County Central Office – join us for our monthly meeting (first Saturday of the month) at 9 am.

### ***GET INVOLVED!***

Please **contact Bill S.** to learn more about volunteering at Central Office.

### Donations - July 2018

Just for Today \$360  
Ashland Morning \$300  
Eye Opener \$50  
Medford Fellowship \$50  
Monday Night Men's Stage \$160  
I Did It My Way \$100  
Crack of Dawn \$100

Newsletter:

Cathy M. \$10.00



Birthday Celebration Donations

Hildegard T. \$37

### ***Editors Note:***

**On Summer Vacation!!!!**



### ***VIRGINIA'S CORNER***

***To Be Prayer***

***O Lord, I ain't what I used to be , And I ain't what I want to be, And I ain't what I'm going to be, But, O Lord, I Thank You That I ain't what I used to be.***

### **Upcoming Event?**

Please send your event flyer to [web-coordinator@outlook.com](mailto:web-coordinator@outlook.com). If you do not have a flyer—please provide details of the AA event so we can get it posted on our website and put it in newsletter.

*We publish for your enjoyment and information. Any mistakes you find are there for a purpose. We publish something for everyone, and some people are always looking for mistakes.*

*Step Eight — Made a list of all persons we had harmed, and became willing to make amends to them all.*

**Reprinted from Grapevine September 1979**

In mental preparation of my Eighth Step list, I discovered that some names came to mind naturally. In most instances, we want to change for the better where our children and family are concerned.

However, I found there were other people I did not want to make amends to, people I held some resentments toward--so I impulsively concluded they didn't deserve any amends. I have to keep in mind that had I behaved in a more reasonable manner, they might not have responded as they did. If the circumstances had been reversed, I might have taken the same action they chose. I have to allow others to make mistakes and be human. Harboring resentments because of something others did is, in effect, imposing my values upon them. By imposing my standards upon them, I am trying to assume God's role. I must realize I am not responsible for the actions of others, whether I approve of them or not. If I take on that task, I am passing judgment on them for reacting in a way that was unacceptable to me. I am taking their inventory.

In this Step, it states that we "became willing to make amends." This implies that there is going to be some conscious effort on my part to make all the needed amends. Those that come easy, to my old way of reasoning, would be an excellent stopping point. Yet the Step says we became willing to make amends to all those we had harmed. In going to these other people, I don't need to crawl or go on and on about how sorry I am, because this would make me appear worthless. I don't believe I need apologize for being human; rather, I simply need to acknowledge that I was at fault and humbly ask them to pardon me. I do not need to make amends on my hands and knees; I need to walk tall, without false pride. When I go in humility and sincerely ask people to forgive me, this will remove the burden from my shoulders. They, too, may have been at fault, but I am neither their God nor their conscience. I am responsible only for myself.

For me, this Step offers two features: I am being responsible, by owning up to my wrongs and making amends for them; at the same time, I accept others as they are, regardless of what they did, or of what they may do when I go to them to make amends.

It's a Step with a double feature. When doing it, we make a double play. After finishing it, we receive double indemnity. Our reward is two for the price of one.

-- B.D.

Reynoldsburg, Ohio *From the August 2007 Grapevine magazine.*

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**Tradition Eight**—*Alcoholics Anonymous should remain forever nonprofessional, but our service centers may employ special workers.*

## Lunch & service

**When she took out her sandwich, he got to see what a special worker she was**



Several years before I stopped drinking for good, I wanted to learn about the program I heard could fix alcoholics. After looking up the address of the local AA office in the phone book, I decided to pay them a visit. Their office was located in a downtown building I was familiar with, so I got in my car, took a few swigs from my bottle and was on my way.

The office door simply said "AA". Inside there was a tiny lady sitting at a corner desk typing. I asked her for information about AA. She got up and showed me the literature displays and explained how to use the directory to find an AA meeting. I shuffled around for a while, glanced at a few pamphlets and then asked her why anyone would ever go to AA.

"Wait a minute," she said. She immediately stopped what she was doing at her desk, put her work away, cleared off an area, brought out a sandwich and started eating. Pointing to a chair, she said, "I'm taking my lunch break now. Why don't you have a seat." I thought she was a little off her rocker. Then she started telling me her story and how AA had saved her life.

I had no idea at the time, but that's Tradition Eight. This kind, wonderful, non-professional alcoholic service worker was experienced enough to separate her professional work from her Twelfth Step work.

She never knew it until much later, but the short time I spent with this lady was the reason I developed the courage to come into AA years later. I don't remember the details of her story, but I remember the feeling of hope and recovery she gave me that day.

So whenever I think about this Tradition, I'll always remember the gift of grace I was given by a lady I'd never met, sitting in a place I'd never been, who was practicing not only the Traditions but the principles of AA to the fullest.

-- Alex M.  
Louisville, Kentucky, USA *From the Grapevine August 2017 magazine*

The 12 Steps of AA ARE the Principles of the Program that we practice, as listed in the Big Book pages 59 and 60! Over the years many lists of virtues that correspond to each of the Twelve Steps and their underlying spiritual nature have been printed in local area AA newsletters and on pocket cards. The origins of these lists are unknown, although they are used by many Twelve step members.

**Step 8 - Made a list of all persons we had harmed, and became willing to make amends to them all.**

The AA principle and Virtues for this step are: Brotherly Love—mutual regard for one another. Reflection—Who have we harmed? Are we ready to amend? Willingness — Making a list of those harmed before coming into recovery may sound simple. Becoming willing to actually make those amends is the difficult part.



**On the Road to Recovery - Epigrams**—"Wit and Wisdom" spoken in the rooms of AA all over the world.

"Who's always at the scene of the crime?" Well, that would be me.

- let it begin with me
- just for today
- keep right size

Hear something clever, witty, or even profound at a meeting? Send it to: [aajacksoncounty@gmail.com](mailto:aajacksoncounty@gmail.com)

**AA New Meeting Announcement**

**Living Sober**

An A.A. meeting for lesbian, Gay, Bi, Trans, Questioning and anyone friendly to the LGBTQ Community

Saturday, 10 am at Rogue Regional Medical Center, Durno Room. Discussion/Topic Meeting

**Local Events**

**All 12-Steppers Women's Camp Out 2018**

August 9th - 12th  
Camp Apserkaha at Howard Prairie

**District 16 Monthly Meeting**

August 15, 2018 at 7 p.m.  
Smullin Center  
Asante Rogue Regional Medical Center  
2825 E Barnett Rd., Medford

**Southern Oregon Dog On the Roof Men's Campout**

August 16-19, 2018  
Howard Prairie Lake - Apserkaha Campground

**Southern Oregon Speaker Meeting.**

Saturday, October 27, 2018 7 pm at Smullin Center, Barnett Road, Medford.

**Oregon Area 58 Quarterly Service Assembly**

Feb. 22-24, 2019  
Ask for details at the next General Service meeting or email our DCM.  
Inn at the Commons  
200 N Riverside Ave, Medford

**More Events:**

**Soberity in the Siskiyou 4th Annual Conference 2018**

September 15, 2018  
Greenhorn Grange Yreka

Also check out our web site:

[www.jccoaa.org](http://www.jccoaa.org)

On the website you can find the following:

Soft Copy of Newsletters

Meeting schedules

Upcoming events

Forms to update Meeting Schedule and/or to volunteer at Jackson County A.A. Central Office

Articles of Interest:

**101 MUSTS in the Big Book - Compiled by Dave F**  
**A Brief Guide to AA Group Inventory**

Links to THE AA LOCAL COMMUNITY AND BEYOND:

**MEDFORD FELLOWSHIP GROUP**  
**DISTRICT 16 WEBSITE**  
**AREA 58 WEBSITE**  
**AA.ORG**