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Jackson County Central Office Newsletter

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Central Office News

At the OFFICE (May 2019):

Visitors 34
Calls 53
Meeting inquiries 11
Hang ups / Telemarketers 17
12 Step Calls: 7
Website 1141

**Great people providing
a valued service!
Thanks to all who
volunteer.**

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

GET INVOLVED!

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

Donations - June

Eye Opener	\$200
Ruch 903	\$100
Eagle Point Step Sisters	\$50
Dog on the Roof	\$200
Medford Fellowship	\$70
Central Point AA	\$300
Just for Today	\$517.17
Way Out Group	\$200
Shady A's	\$100
Thursday Night	\$75
Living sober	\$100

**Thank you for participating
in the 7th Tradition!**



Editors Note:

Editor will be on
vacation in August.
No newsletter for
the month of
August. Have a
wonderful
summer!

Virginia's Corner

Gratitude should go
forward, rather than
backward. "In other
words, if you carry the
message to still others,
you will be making the
best possible
repayment for the help
given to you.

Letter 1959, Bill W.

*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 7 – Humbly asked Him to remove our shortcomings. - Indeed, the attainment of greater humility is the foundation principle of each of A.A.'s Twelve Steps. For without some degree of humility, no alcoholic can stay sober at all. Nearly all A.A.'s have found, too, that unless they develop much more of this precious quality than may be required just for sobriety, they still haven't much chance of becoming truly happy. Without it, they cannot live to much useful purpose, or, in adversity, be able to summon the faith that can meet any emergency. (from Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions, page 70)

Now Available!!!! Introducing the A.A. Meeting Guide APP - Finding a meeting just got a lot easier – no matter where you are!

Alcoholics Anonymous World Services, Inc., introduces its licensed Meeting Guide app. The app is free for Android and iOS mobile devices.

The app uses your location to find the closest meeting by syncing with Area, District, Intergroup/Central Office and International G.S.O websites. You can also add a location to find meetings anyplace. (The location must participate in the necessary website revisions to accommodate A.A.'s Meeting Guide App.)

The app also can filter the meetings on types such as Open/Closed, Men, Women, Child-friendly. Clicking on a meeting listing will provide further details on the meeting. It will give you directions through Google maps to the meeting's location.



Tribute to Tomas Montgomery

I was privileged to meet Tom after coming into the A.A. program in 2003. Tom always impressed me as a very intelligent and articulate man. In 2014, the house I was in was sold, Tom offered to allow me to move into his home in Central Point. During that I year I was even more impressed by his kindness, generosity and got to enjoy is sense of humor, Tom loved to watch British TV and after a short time I started to understand and enjoy their humor. He was a great cook and when I moved in his only stipulation was he do all the cooking. Wow, such a deal! After a short time he became a mentor as well as a very good friend. I am not good at writing this tribute , but wanted to just state what an impressive, kind man Tom was and that myself and many others as well, will miss him, his humor, his inteelligence, his spirit and guidance.
...Bill Spensor

Tom Montgomery was also on the Board at Jackson County AA Central Office for many years. His years of service on this board will be missed and be rememebered, Our deepest condolences to his family and friends. Jackson County AA Central Office Board Members.

Tradition 7 – An A.A. group ought never endorse, finance, or lend the A.A. name to any related facility or outside enterprise, lest problems of money, property, and prestige divert us from our primary purpose.

OUR SEVENTH TRADITION

As a newcomer to the Fellowship of Alcoholics Anonymous I observed the practice of putting a dollar in the basket by most persons at the meetings I attended. But there were others who placed anything from a few coins to several dollars in the basket. So, being the good alcoholic that I was, (and still am!), I asked my sponsor about this.

“What”, I asked, “is the proper amount to put in the collection basket?” My sponsor replied, very nonchalantly I might add, “How much did you spend on drinking? Shouldn’t you give back to the program that saved your life, the same amount?” Needless to say, this wasn’t the answer I expected, nor wanted! My drinking had bankrupted me, not only spiritually but financially as well. Should the program of AA also bankrupt me financially? I think not. My sponsor explained to me that he had only wanted to jolt me into the right frame of mind.

As in most things in life we need to strike a balance. As I became involved in the inner workings of AA groups I also observed that some well-attended meetings were experiencing financial difficulties due to a shortage of 7th Tradition contributions. It should be mentioned here that we members of AA are made up of people from all walks of life. There are those who come in financially destitute, and there are those who are financially well-off. Most of us fall somewhere in the middle. Our ability to contribute, or not, to the basket necessarily varies by each individual.

Let’s also consider the harsh reality that our money today isn’t worth what it was just a few years ago, let alone 80-plus years ago when AA was founded. Our founder, Bill W., tells a story where he hesitates to drop 50 cents into the hat, and ends up putting a dime in. This was in 1941. That dime, small as it seemed to Bill later when he “woke up”, still had some purchasing power back then. According to ‘calculator.net’s’ inflation calculator, one dollar, if dropped into the basket in 1980 for example, would be worth \$3.31 in today’s money. Bill’s dime in 1941 was worth \$1.72 in today’s money. I heard in a meeting just the other night an old-timer share what a wonderful deal we got in the program, “for only a dollar a night”. It has been the intention of this article to show that this sort of thinking, passed down to newcomers, contributes in a big way to placing our meetings in financial straits. Groups ought not to become rich, but wouldn’t it be nice to be able to pay our group’s obligations comfortably, and have a prudent reserve to be able to fall back on in hard times?

I will conclude with two quotes from our founder Bill W. These are both found in the 12 & 12 on page 163. At the bottom of paragraph four, Bill says, “There was a place in AA where spirituality and money would mix, and that was in the hat!” Then on the same page but two paragraphs up, Bill quotes an early group treasurer. He is telling the meeting members that they need to pay their rent or the landlord will throw them out. I leave you with his admonition and hope you who read this, might take it to heart... “Now boys, please go heavier on the hat tonight, will you?”

JOEL S.



UP COMING EVENTS

How it Works Annual Summer Picnic

July 21, 2019
BBQ at 12 PM, Speaker at 1 PM
Touvelle Park Group Space A

Southern Oregon Speaker Meeting

July 27, 2019, 7 p.m.
Smullin Center
Asante Rogue Regional Medical Center
2825 E Barnett Rd., Medford

All 12-Steppers Women's Camp Out

August 1st thru August 4th 2019
Camp Apserkaha @ Howard Prairie Lake

Safety in AA Workshop

August 10, 2019 2PM-4PM
St. Vincent de Paul
2424 N. Pacific Hwy. Medford

OSYPAA VII Conference

November 8-10, 2019
Inn at the Commons
200 N Riverside Ave, Medford.

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

- sobriety is a journeynot a destination
- faith without works is dead
- poor me.....poor me.....pour me another drink
- to thine own self be true
- I came; I came to; I came to believe (steps 1,2,3)

Rule #62—"Don't take yourself too damn seriously" - is at the heart of Grapevine collection of humor. Sometimes staying sober calls for a good laugh, so that we don't take our situations or ourselves too seriously. Humor tends to put things in perspective. And the Grapevine has, from its beginning, published jokes and cartoons. Our Monthly newsletter will be sharing some of these over this next year. We hope you enjoy and find the humor in them.

When it comes to gratitude, my mind is like Teflon. When it comes to resentments, my mind is like flypaper.

Being wrong is NOT one of my problems...so how can I take inventory?

Q: What's the difference between self-esteem and ego?

A: Self-esteem doesn't need an audience.

Upcoming Event? Please send your event flyer to webcoordinator@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.