

# On the Rogue Again



## Jackson County Central Office Newsletter

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### Central Office News

#### At the OFFICE (May 2019):

Visitors 33  
Calls 91  
Meeting inquiries 20  
Hang ups / Telemarketers 31  
12 Step Calls: 12  
Website 1161

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

### 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).

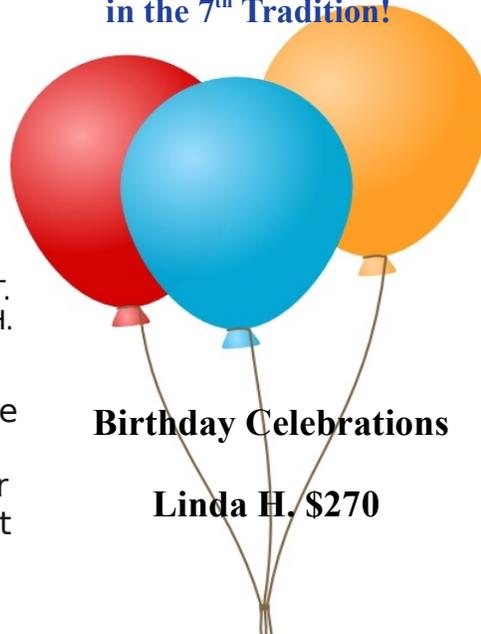
### GET INVOLVED!

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

### Donations - May

Park Bench - \$150  
AA Sunday Ashland - \$218  
Medford Fellowship - \$70  
How It Works - \$210  
Tell It Like It Is - \$40  
One Page at a Time - 40  
Peter - \$100  
Sharon - \$5

**Thank you for participating  
in the 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition!**



### Birthday Celebrations

**Linda H. \$270**

### Editors Note:



Summer events –  
Loads of events  
during the summer  
months...be safe  
and Sober!!!!

### VIRGINIA'S CORNER

*Lord, when we long for  
life without difficulties,  
remind us that oaks grow  
strong in contrary winds  
and diamonds are made  
under pressure.*

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

### **Entirely ready**

When I first read the Twelve Steps, there were a few I expected to be difficult—especially Four and Nine. I dreaded listing all my faults and making amends the most. But once I started working them, I noticed a few other Steps that took much more effort than I anticipated. The First Step was really hard. I had just gotten my third DUI, lost my job and was living in a treatment center, yet I still had trouble saying my life was unmanageable.

My Fifth Step was one of those things I was eager to do but was also dreading. The Fourth Step was difficult. The judge had given me the option of being in treatment for two months or going to jail for a year and there were times I felt that jail seemed like a better option! In jail, I could just sleep, watch TV and read books. There was none of this introspection or discomfort. I was sick to my stomach a lot during the week I worked on my Fourth Step. But I was ready to rid myself of all that crap that had accumulated over my years of active drinking.

In the end, I felt great doing Step Five. It was a cathartic experience, very personal. My big revelation came after I'd admitted to another human being the exact nature of my wrongs. I was also lucky that there was an outdoor bench swing in a nice shaded area where I could sit and do my Sixth Step after.

And boy, was I ever wrong about how easy it would be to ask God to remove my shortcomings. I never realized how attached I'd gotten to all of my little peculiarities, quirks and vices I'd developed over the years. Much like a cancer that had to be removed, I felt like these defects were part of me that I'd nurtured, watched grow and cared for. But they were also like a bad friend who was always borrowing money and never paying me back ... or an abusive husband or boss. It was still hard for me to let some of them go.

Then all of a sudden, I saw something that made it all easier. As I sat there on that swing in the shade, I saw a spider crawling around on the wooden frame of the bench. I watched as he spun a small length of thread, stuck it to a board and let go. When the wind picked up, it took him to the other side where he would continue to spin his web. I found that to be the most accurate description of faith I'd ever seen. This spider picked a spot to start and simply let God make the rest of the decisions regarding how his house would look. He wasn't getting in the way. He wasn't building and hanging on to resentments. He didn't want to keep his defects of character (if spiders have such defects!) even though they might be weighing him down.

Right then I said the Seventh Step prayer for the first time. And now, whenever I feel like taking control of my life and grabbing those old defects of character, I remember to be like that spider and just let go and let God.

**-- Zacheriah B. New Philadelphia, Ohio GrapeVine**

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**Tradition 6 – 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.**

This is A.A. - George thought this AA thing wasn't for him at first. Luckily, after treatment, Mike took him to his home group.

*In thinking about this Tradition, I'm reminded of my friend George. In the fall of '94, I was on our local intergroup call list. Late one evening, I was asked to give George a call, as he might want help. George said that he had tried "AA" before but it had never worked—during several previous stays in treatment, he'd gone to meetings there. It was a great surprise to George when I said that most of those meetings were run by the facilities; they were not AA groups, but a function of the treatment center or hospital. I said I would be glad to meet him and show him the program of recovery that worked for me—as outlined in our book *Alcoholics Anonymous*—and introduce him to an AA group.*

*Because of the amount of alcohol George had consumed, I suggested a medically supervised detox. After that, I agreed to meet him at my home group. Unexpectedly I had to leave early, so I arranged for George to be met by a fellow member, Jimmy D.—who became George's sponsor. Eight years later, when Jimmy D. died, George talked about the wonderful way of life Jimmy had shared with him. George and I often reminisced about how he had given up hope of finding sobriety, and how he thought he had tried AA but had never been introduced to the program of recovery.*

*"While an AA group may cooperate with anyone, such cooperation ought never to go so far as affiliation or endorsement, actual or implied," AA's Sixth Tradition, long form, says. (AA's Third Tradition, long form, adds: "Any two or three alcoholics gathered together for sobriety may call themselves an AA group, provided that as a group they have no other affiliation.")*

-- Mike M.

Fort Wayne, Indiana GrapeVine June 2018

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

W.A.I.T - Why am I talking, typing, texting.

God gives us the gift of A.A, we give gifts back to God when we are in service to others.

Don't believe everything we think!

### UP COMING EVENTS

#### District 16 Monthly Meeting

June 19, 2018 at 7 p.m.  
Smullin Center  
Asante Rogue Regional Medical Center  
2825 E Barnett Rd., Medford

#### 12 Traditions & 12 Concepts monthly meeting

3rd Monday of every month in 2019: June 19th 5:30-7 PM

Traditions and Concepts 11 & 12  
Sponsored by District 16  
Smullin Center  
Asante RRMC  
2825 E Barnett Rd., Medford

#### Rogue Valley Women in Recovery Brunch

19th Annual  
June 15, 2019  
10AM - 2:30PM  
Inn at the Commons

#### Post Conference Report

June 15th, 2019  
Noon-2:00pm  
Smullin Center

#### D.O.T.R Annual Picnic

June 30th, 2019  
11AM - 3PM  
Colver Park in Phoenix, OR.

#### 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.

### ***Rule #62—"Don't take yourself too damn seriously"***

*One Veteran AA says the trouble with "Two-Stepping" is that you usually combine the wrong parts of the First and Twelfth Steps, ie., "My life is unmanageable, and I'd like to share it with you."*

*The speaker at the Convention's Big Meeting walked up to the podium, looked out at the stadium full of people and said, "My heart is beating, my knees are weak, my stomach is in knots. I used to pay a lot of money for this feeling."*

**Upcoming Event?** Please send your event flyer to [webcoordinator@outlook.com](mailto: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.