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Jackson County Central Office Newsletter

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Central Office News

At the OFFICE (August 2018):

Visitors 38
Calls 31
Meeting inquiries 9
Website 764

Great people providing a valued service! Thanks to all

Board Members

Chair – Joel S.

Co-Chair – Donna K.

Office Manager – Al Z.

Volunteer Coordinator – Bill S.

Secretary – Beth M.

Literature – Tom M.

Treasurer – Fran V.A.

Co-Treasurer – Sandy J.

Special Events – Cheryl R.

District Liaison – Wayne T.

Website Coordinator – Terry

Newsletter Editor – Lois I.

Member #1 at Large - Wayne T.

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 - August 2018

I Did It My Way \$100
Talent AA \$120
Sober Seniors \$150
Medford Fellowship \$50
Park Bench Group \$187

Newsletter:

Darcy \$10



Birthday Celebration

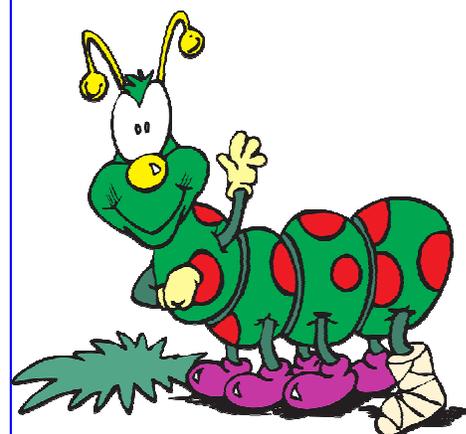
Hildegard T. \$37

Darcy \$8

Joel \$6

Editors Note:

Recouping from broken foot! Good thing I type with my fingers!



VIRGINIA'S CORNER

Happiness

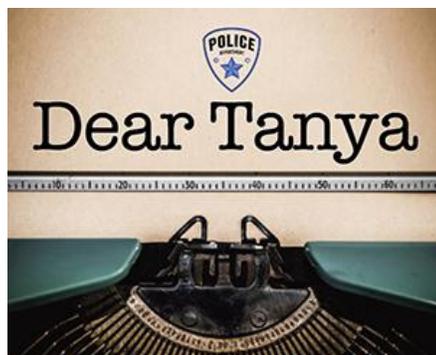
Happiness is not a matter of good fortune or worldly possessions. It's a mental attitude.

It comes from appreciating what we have, instead of being miserable about what we don't have. It's so simple—yes so hard for the human mind to comprehend.

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 9—Made direct amends to such people wherever possible, except when to do so would injure them or others.

From the September 2017 magazine.



When I came into AA, I was filled with such immense guilt and remorse, the first thing I wanted to do was run out and make amends to everyone I had hurt. I wanted them to forgive me right away so that I'd feel better. Fortunately, I took the advice of my sponsor and others in the program and focused on my recovery first. The Steps are perfectly in order for a reason.

When the time came to make my amends, I wanted them to be sincere and from the heart. I wanted to make sure I wasn't making them for my own selfish reasons. One person on my list was a police officer with whom I had countless run-ins. I always considered him a "bad guy" and I had strong resentments toward him. I got my strength up and wrote him a letter explaining where I was at now in recovery and that I owed him a sincere apology. But before I sent it, I told my sponsor I was sure that he was just going to laugh with the other officers about my letter. But I mailed it anyway, because it was the right thing to do.

A few weeks later I got a letter in the mail from the police department. I was worried it was something really bad. To my amazement, it was a letter from the officer. He explained how happy he was to hear that I had gotten my life back. It was written from the heart. He said he and the other officers used to go back to the station and lament over my destructive behavior. They had always wished I could get it together. They used to root for me. He wanted me to know that I was forgiven, and that he and the other officers, doctors, nurses, and EMTs knew that they were dealing with someone who just needed help. They cared that I got better. He wished me continued success.

I can't explain how moved I was by his letter. It meant so much to me. This Ninth Step amend completely changed my perspective about authority figures and gave me a whole new respect. I have shared his letter with many others. I hope he knows that he is touching and changing lives.

-- Tanya B.
Plover, Wisconsin, USA

The “R” Word

“Sobriety means responsibility. That's why many people dread it.”

That's one of the many things I picked up in early sobriety. I was also told that taking responsibility would ultimately be one of the most freeing things I could wish for. I couldn't quite catch the connection at first. But it came, like many things in the program, in baby steps.

First it was the responsibility for bringing cookies. Then it was helping with cleanup and setup. It seemed like a huge vote of confidence a few months later when I was given the key to the church hall so I could get in and make coffee. The trust and responsibility felt good and right.

Working the Steps with my sponsor taught me to take responsibility for my past. The men in my home-group showed me how to work toward that better future I wanted. Everything centered around that “responsibility” word.

I was encouraged to take other service commitments, jobs that I felt I wasn't ready for. With a push from my sponsor and his sponsor, I took them anyway. More responsibility. But these things didn't have the grim weight that I'd thought they would. I began to get the responsibility/freedom connection.

Those two men pushed me to discover for myself that the limits I always thought I had – and the associated fears – were only in my head.

Those doubting demons rose again a few years ago when it was suggested I take a new service position. The committee in my head was in full revolt at the thought, but the people who encouraged me said, “We'll be there with you.” I took the spot and found out a lot more about myself, almost all of it good. And I enjoyed the job and was sorry to leave when my time was up.

Once again I got to discover that AA has given me the life I never knew I always wanted.

Submitted by Jack I.

Tradition Nine – A.A., as such, ought never be organized but we may create service boards or committees directly responsible to those they serve.

WE DO SET UP COMMITTEES AND BOARDS . . .

But whether they make coffee... or help organize groups in deepest Africa... **THEY ONLY SERVE**



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 9—Made direct amends to such people wherever possible, except when to do so would injure them or others. Justice. Forgiveness — making amends may seem like a bitter pill to swallow, but for those serious about recovery it can be great medicine for the spirit and soul. Justice—the quality of being just, fairness, equal adjustment or distribution.



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

- We are only as sick as our secrets
- There are no coincidences in AA
- be part of the solution, not the problem
- Sponsors: have one-----use one---be one
- I can't handle it god; you take over

Hear something clever, witty, or even profound at a meeting?
Send it to: aajackson-county@gmail.com

Local Events

Soberity in the Siskiyou 4th Annual Conference 2018

September 15, 2018
Greenhorn Grange Yreka

SORYPAA Kickball Tournament

Speaker meeting before finals
September 22, 2018
BBQ starts at 1 pm, Tournament at 2 pm
Tom Pearce Park
3700 Pearce Park Road, Grants Pass, OR

Rose City Girlstock

October 12-14, 2018
Holiday Inn Portland South
25425 SW 96th Ave.,
Wilsonville, OR 97070

Southern Oregon Speaker Meeting.

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

More Events:

SORYPAA Halloween Dance

October 20, 2018 - 9 pm to 2 am
See flyer for contact info to get location

[Flyer](#)

Old Timer Speaker Meeting

October 21st 2-4 PM
HiLo Club
668 Lincoln Road, Grants Pass, OR

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

Upcoming Event?

Please send your event flyer to 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.