

# On the Rogue Again



## Jackson County Central Office Newsletter

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### Central Office News

At the OFFICE (May 2019):

Visitors 49  
General AA Info 23  
Meeting inquiries 18  
Hang ups / Telemarketers 18  
12 Step Calls: 12  
Website 1162

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

### Board Members

Chair - Donna K.  
Co-Chair - Karen D.  
Office Manager - Al Z.  
Volunteer Coordinator - Bill S.  
Secretary - Amy V  
Literature - Mickey  
Treasurer - Fran V.A.  
Co-Treasurer - Sandy J.  
Special Events - Cheryl R.  
District Liaison - Joel S.  
Website Coordinator—Terry K.  
Newsletter Editor - Lois I.  
Member #1 at Large - Wayne T.  
Member #2 at Large— Casey H.

**Website - Drew A.**

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

### Donations - May

BYOBB Ashland \$175  
Ashland Siskiyou \$400  
Way Out Group \$30  
A Design for Living \$92  
Ashland Morning Group \$125  
Medford Fellowship \$70  
Hole in Wall \$70  
Talent Phoenix Group \$253.75  
Holly Street Group \$30.

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



**Birthday Celebrations**

**Hildegard T. \$38.00**

### *Editors Note:*

By definition, grateful is feeling or showing appreciation for something done or received.

The definition of thankful is feeling pleased and relieved.

So, both grateful and thankful are positive feelings and both grateful and thankful are triggered by some event. But the difference between grateful vs thankful is that by definition grateful is directed outwards the person who is feeling it, while thankful is generated inside the person.

### *VIRGINIA'S CORNER*

#### *My First Prayer*

*I surrender thee my  
entire life, O God of my  
understanding. I have  
made a mess of it, trying  
to run it myself. You take  
it, the whole thing, and  
run it for me, according  
to YOUR will and plan.*

*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 to do so would injure them or others.**

**On the 9th Step. . .excerpt from Editorial by B.H. Forest Hills, New York, Grapevine, July 1945, Vol. 2 No.2**

Having prepared a list of all people we have harmed and brought ourselves to the point where we are *willing* to make amends to them, our Ninth Step is one calling for positive *action*. There is a world of difference between being *willing* to do a thing and actually *doing* it. How many times in the pre-A.A. state have we said "I am sorry, I won't do it again" and felt that that constituted complete amends.

**How can one make amends to a dear wife, son or daughter or parent who through no fault of their own truly suffered physically and financially and more important, mentally, the humiliation and embarrassment of going through life with a drunkard? A simple "I am sorry; it won't happen again" is not enough. It is not enough for us and it is not enough for the aggrieved person.**

Direct amends, by all means, is a must, in restoring physical property to the rightful owner, paying debts willingly within our ability to do so and retracting the lie that hurt a reputation; but the real amends are made in scrutinizing our day-in and day-out conduct and keeping that conduct "on the beam." The loved ones whom we have hurt don't want their "pound of flesh." Whether they are still in daily contact with us or not, amends are best made to them by restoring the love and confidence and respect they once had for us by the *action* of right living. With that thought clearly in our minds that "first drink" is an improbability, even an impossibility and the well-rounded, good life we all yearn for becomes readily visible to us.

**Tradition 9 – A.A., as such, ought never be organized; but we may create service boards or committees directly responsible to those they serve.**

The words "Let's keep it simple" were the last Bill W. heard from his fellow founder of A.A., shortly before Dr. Bob's death in 1950. Aware that "it" mean *our recovery program*. Bill later wrote, "We need to distinguish sharply between spiritual simplicity and functional simplicity...When we get into questions of action by groups, by areas, and by A.A. as a whole, we find that we must to some extent *organize* to carry the message -- or else face chaos. And chaos is not simplicity."

When Tradition Nine speaks of "A.A. as such," it goes to the heart of the A.A. experience, to the 'spiritual simplicity: of one alcoholic's saying silently perhaps, "Help!" and another alcoholic answering< "I know how you feel. We're here to help you." Such a relationship couldn't be organized. OR could it?

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## **Continue Tradition 9:**

But in "action by groups," we find that we need some degree of organization. If everybody thinks somebody else is going to make the coffee, what's the result? No coffee! To avoid such a disaster, one or more members agree to be responsible for preparing meeting refreshments. All the way from coffee-brewers to trustees on the General Service Board, those who take part in A.A. service work are assuming responsibility -- not taking on authority.

WE DO SET UP COMMITTEES AND BOARDS..... But whether they make coffee... or help organize groups in deepest Africa... THEY ONLY SERVE.

**September 9, 2019**

**“As never before the struggle for power, importance, and wealth is tearing civilization apart. Man against man, family against family, group against group, nation against nation.**

**“Nearly all those engaged in this fierce competition declare that their aim is peace and justice for themselves, their neighbors, and their nations: Give us power and we shall have justice; give us fame and we shall set a great example; give us money and we shall be comfortable and happy. People throughout the world deeply believe that, and act accordingly. On this appalling dry bender, society seems to be staggering down a dead-end road. The stop sign is clearly marked. It says ‘Disaster.’**

**“What has this got to do with anonymity and Alcoholics Anonymous?**

**“We of AA ought to know. Nearly every one of us has traversed this identical dead-end path ... Then came AA. We faced about and found ourselves on a new high road where the direction signs said never a word about power, fame, or wealth.”**

**AA Co-Founder, Bill W., January 1955, “Why Alcoholics Anonymous Is Anonymous”,  
The Language of the Heart**

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

**I can't .....he can.....I think I'll let him (steps 1,2,3)  
 If it works.....don't fix it  
 Keep coming back.....it works if you work it**

Recovery Book Drive - The Corrections and Treatment Committees are collecting the Big Book and Living Sober to donate to the men's & women's jail, the work center and the juvenile detention center, along with other facilities where we can carry the message of recovery, we can only donate new soft cover books. Have your meeting donate books or bring in a few yourself!!! Please drop them off at Central Office

***GET INVOLVED!***

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

**UP COMING EVENTS**

**Mid-Year Womens Dessert Social**

September 14th. from 2pm - 4pm  
 Rogue River Community Annex  
 132 Broadway St. Rogue River, OR.  
 Flyer

*Two Meetings updated:*

*Medford, Sunday - previously indicated as closed.*

*6:30 pm (1.25 hour) Tell it Like it is.  
 Christ Unity Church - 540 Holly St.  
 OPEN meeting  
 WC accessible*

**1st Annual Women's Summer Sober**

Float'n Motor Boat'n - getaway at Lake Shasta  
 September 27-29, 2019  
 Flyer

*Ruch, Tuesday - Location change*

*6:00 pm (1.25 hour)  
 What We Are Like Now  
 Ruch Community Bible Church  
 190 Upper Applegate Rd  
 Meeting is at the rear of church bldg.*

**OSYPAA VII Conference**

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

**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.