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## Jackson County Central Office Newsletter

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### Central Office News

#### At the OFFICE:

Visitors 42  
Calls 32  
Meeting inquiries 8  
Website 611

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

#### **GET INVOLVED!**

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

### 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).

### Donations

#### **July 2017**

#### **Donations**

Thursday Night Candle Light \$75  
I Did it My Way \$100  
Medford Fellowship \$100  
Robert H. \$5  
Dog on the Roof \$200  
Ashland Morning 9 am \$50  
Sobriety Bakers \$40  
Friday Night Big Book \$92.50  
Parkside \$150

**Newsletter** - \$12

#### **Birthday Celebration Donations:**

**Anne G. \$13.00**

**Bob \$17.00**

### Editors Note

**A Concordance to Alcoholics Anonymous** is now available at the Central Office for viewing. This book was donated to Central Office.

A *concordance* is an alphabetical list of the principal words used in a book or body of work, listing every instance of each word with its immediate context.

Question about something written in the Big Book of Alcoholics anonymous, a word, a phase—feel free to stop by and peruse this new addition.

### **VIRGINIA'S CORNER**

#### **Count What Counts**

Count your garden by the flowers Never by the leaves that fall; Count your days by golden hours, Don't remember clouds at all. Count the night by stars, not shadows, Count your life by smiles, not tears, And with joy on every birthday Count your age by friends, not years.

.....Anonymous in *Quotations for Successful Living*

**Have a good day unless you have made other plans.**

*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.*

## Upcoming Events:

**BE SURE TO STAY UP TO DATE & VIEW AVAILABLE FLIERS**  
@[www.jcocoa.org](http://www.jcocoa.org) OR [www.medfordareaaa.org](http://www.medfordareaaa.org)

### How It Works Summer BBQ Potluck

Touvelle State Park Space A  
July 2, 12 pm—2 pm  
Speaker: Dan D, Forrest Hill, MD

### Want a Way to Give Back?

July 8, 1-3 pm  
Smullin Center  
2825 E. Barnett Rd., Medford

### Southern Oregon Speaker Meeting

July 22, 7 pm  
Smullin Center, 2825 E. Barnett Rd., Medford

### All 12-Steppers Woman's Camp Out 2017

Sunny Valley RV Park & Campground  
Thursday, July 27th – Sunday, July 30th

### Jam Session

July 29th—10:00 pm  
Alano Club, 1821 Elm St., Medford

### Columbia River Roundup

August 11-13  
Portland State University  
5000 N. Willamette Blvd. Portland

### Sobriety by the SEA

Sept. 29-October 1  
Del Norte County Fairgrounds  
421 US 101, Crescent City, CA



## 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*

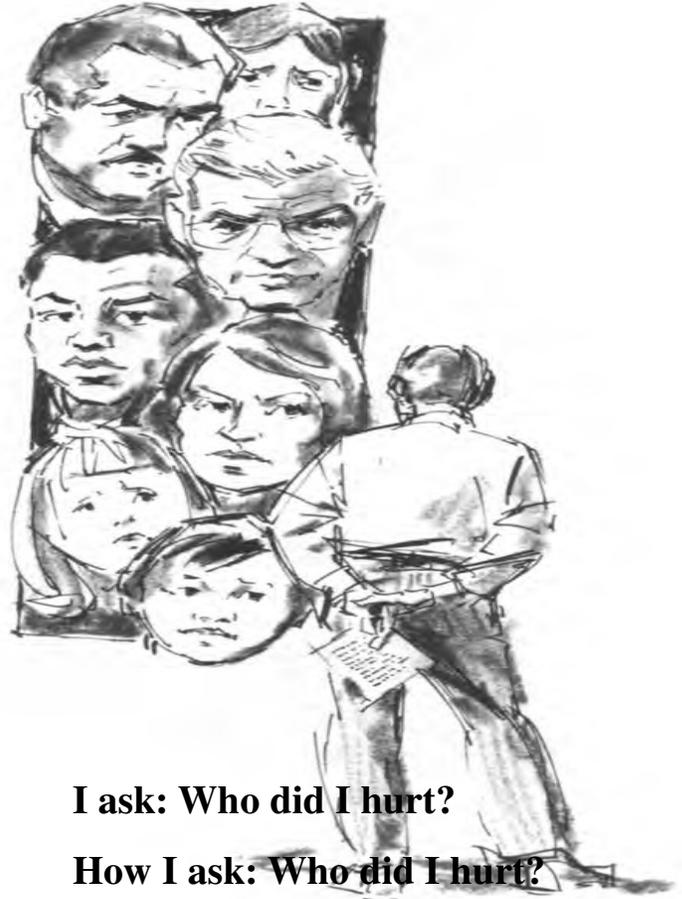
*If we pray, why worry..... If we worry, why Pray?*

*God gives us the gift of AA, we give gifts back to God when we are service to others*

*Whenever I get attached to the outcome...I'm screwed!*

*EGO - It isn't how good or bad I think about myself, it's about how often I think of myself.*

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



**I ask: Who did I hurt?**

**How I ask: Who did I hurt?**

We have a list of all persons we have harmed and to whom we are willing to make amends. We made it when we took inventory. We subjected ourselves to a drastic self-appraisal. Now we go out to our fellows and repair the damage done in the past. We attempt to sweep away the debris which has accumulated out of our effort to live on self-will and run the show ourselves. If we haven't the will to do this, we ask until it comes.

**Remember it was agreed at the beginning we would go to any lengths for victory over alcohol.**

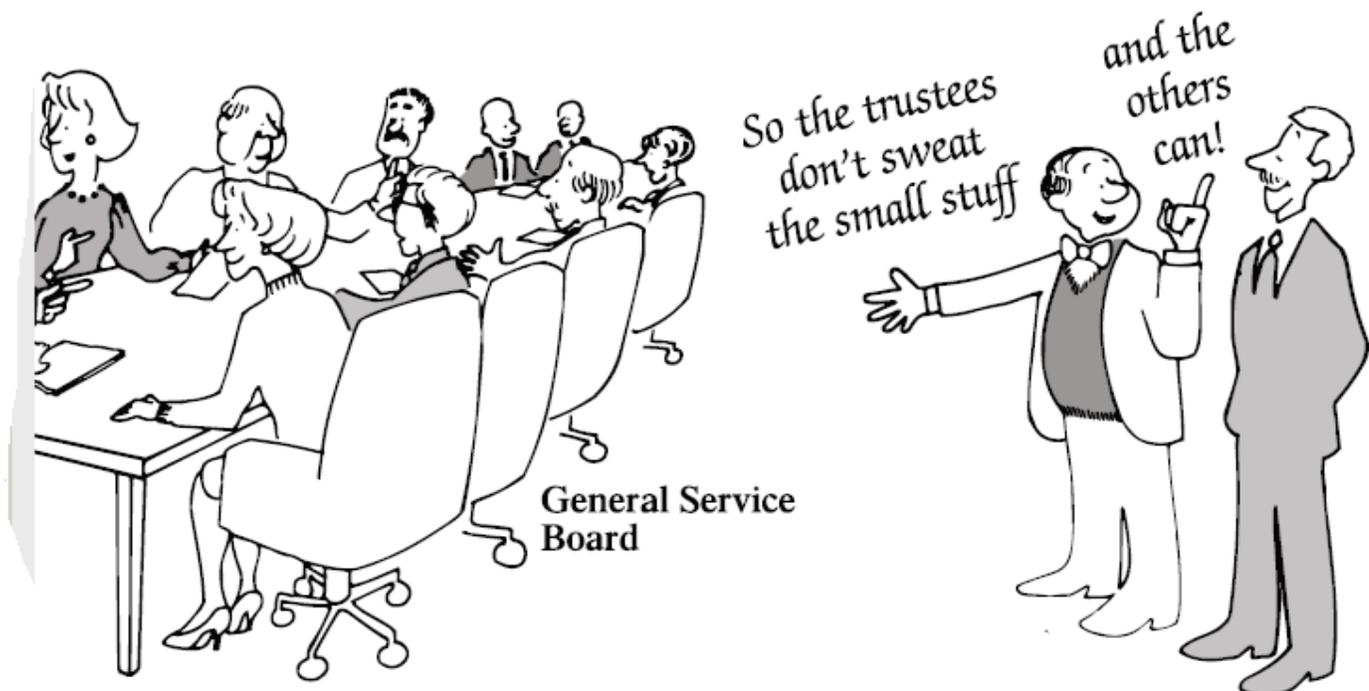
.....therefore the joy of good living is the theme of A.A.'s Twelfth Step 8. 12x12 Tradition

## The Eighth Tradition - *Alcoholics Anonymous should remain forever nonprofessional, but our service centers may employ special workers.*

Tradition 8 is after tradition 7. Seven says we are self-supporting through our own contributions. Tradition 8 follows 7 and states that contributions can be used to employ special workers, for literature, for group conscience process from group to district, from district to area, from area delegate to GSO, from GSO to A.A. worldwide.

Today in modern society carrying the message is not only accomplished face to face or by telephone but online as well. Technology does not hinder carrying the message to the alcoholic that still suffers, it helps it. But, we AAs have to keep true to our traditions and reject the million dollar donation, because money will spoil this thing. That is what Rockefeller told Bill W. when he solicited funds for AA in the 1930s before the traditions were written.

The steps are to the individual as the traditions are to the group. Keep the group strong with the Traditions but special workers may be employed to keep the AA message alive around the world.



**Concept VIII** - *The Trustees of the General Service Board act in two primary capacities: (a) With respect to the larger matters of over-all policy and finance, they are the principal planners and administrators. They and their primary committees directly manage these affairs. (b) But with respect to our separately incorporated and constantly active services, the relation of the Trustees is mainly that of full stock ownership and of custodial oversight which they exercise through their ability to elect all directors of these entities.*

This Concept deals with the ways the General Service Board “discharges its heavy obligations,” and its relationship with its two subsidiary corporations: A.A. World Services, Inc. and the A.A. Grapevine, Inc. Long experience has proven that the board “must devote itself almost exclusively to the larger questions of policy, finance, group relations and leadership. . . . In these matters, it must act with great care and *skill to plan, manage and execute.*” The board, therefore, must not be distracted or burdened with the details or the endless questions which arise daily in the routine operation of the General Service Office or the publishing operations, including the *Grapevine*. “It must *delegate* its executive function”

## OUT of the ARCHIVES

Submitted by Jack I.



### Our Third Legacy

AA had been around for about 10 years and was still going through phenomenal growth when Bill looked down the road and saw a huge problem.

The fellowship saw Bill and Dr. Bob at the helm and never thought about how AA would run when they were gone. There was a board of directors for the Alcoholic Foundation, but the membership felt little connection with them. Bill knew he and Dr. Bob wouldn't be around forever. Bob was already very ill. They had to come up with a plan for the future.

Bill shared his concerns with Bob and a few other trusted friends. What they came up with is the AA we know today. But it wasn't an easy sell.

Bill wanted to create an organization that was run by the membership. A lot of people questioned the wisdom of turning over a large, growing organization to a bunch of alcoholics. Others thought the current organization would be fine.

As he had done with the Traditions, Bill went on the road with his plan for a General Service Conference, trying to sell it to the members. (In February of 1948, Bill W. was in Seattle to speak to a standing-room-only crowd of AA members and their families. Following the meeting, Bill and some of the Seattle members were driving to Vancouver, B.C., when Bill elaborated on his plan for a world service conference. Spurred by Bill, AA members from all over the Pacific Northwest gathered in Vancouver, BC a few months later for the first Pacific Northwest Conference, the first regional conference of its kind. The 68<sup>th</sup> Annual meeting of PNC was held in late June in Oak Harbor, WA. Three of us from District 16 were on hand.)

The Alcoholic Foundation trustees didn't see the need for a different type of organization, but Bill wanted to make certain that nobody other than the membership was in charge. It wasn't until Bernard Bernard, a nonalcoholic lawyer who was to serve as the first chairman of the Conference, stepped in and began lobbying others that the idea gained traction.

The idea was approved for a 5-year trial at the 1950 Convention and later fully approved.

That idea – the General Service Conference as it was spelled out by Bill and Bob in 1950 – is the Third Legacy.

Bill described how delegates at the first General Service Conference in 1951 were presented with issues and problems in the pamphlet *AA's Legacy of Service*:

"So went session after session, morning, afternoon, and evening. The delegates handled several tough puzzles about which we at G.S.O. were in doubt, sometimes giving advice contrary to our own conclusions. In nearly every instance, we saw that they were right. Then and there they proved, as never before, that A.A.'s Tradition Two was correct. The group conscience could safely act as the sole authority and sure guide for Alcoholics Anonymous.

### How the Third Legacy voting process came about

*How do you take the unavoidable politics out of an election? It's an age-old question, but Bill had an idea. Let's have him tell it. After describing how to apportion panel delegates and where they would come from, he asks:*

But how could we pull the inevitable election pressure down? To accomplish this, it was provided that a delegate must receive a two-thirds vote for election. If a delegate got a majority of this size, nobody could kick much. But if he or she didn't, and the election was close, what then? Well, perhaps the names of the two highest in the running, or the three officers of the committee, or even the whole committee, could be put in a hat. One name would be drawn. The winner of this painless lottery would become the delegate.

But when these delegates met in conference, what would they do? We thought they would want to have real authority. So, in the charter drawn for the Conference itself, it was provided that the delegates could issue flat directions to the trustees on a two-thirds vote. And even a simple majority vote would constitute a mighty strong suggestion.

## How the Third Legacy Voting Process Came About

### Delegates Encouraged to Question

The first Conference was set for April 1951. In came the delegates. They looked over our offices, cellar to garret, got acquainted with the whole staff, shook hands with the trustees. That evening, we gave them a briefing session, under the name of "What's on your mind?"

We answered scores of questions of all kinds. The delegates began to feel at home and reassured. They inspected our finances with a microscope. After they had listened to reports from the board of trustees and from all the services, there was warm but cordial debate on many a question of policy. Trustees submitted several of their own serious problems for the opinion of the Conference.

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Nobody present will ever forget that final session of the first Conference. We knew that the impossible had happened, that A.A. could never break down in the middle, that Alcoholics Anonymous was at last safe from any storm the future might bring. And, as delegates returned home, they carried this same conviction with them.

Realizing our need for funds and better literature circulation, some did place a little too much emphasis on this necessity; others were a little discouraged, wondering why fellow members in their areas did not take fire as they had. They forgot that they themselves had been eyewitnesses to the Conference and that their brother alcoholics had not. But, both here and at home, they made an impression much greater than they knew.

In the midst of this exciting turn of affairs, the Conference agreed that the Alcoholic Foundation ought to be renamed the General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous, and this was done. The word "Foundation" stood for charity, paternalism and maybe big money. A.A. would have none of these; from here out we could assume full responsibility and pay our expenses ourselves.

As I watched all this grow, I became entirely sure that Alcoholics Anonymous was at last safe – even from me.

- *The A.A. Service Manual, pages S11-S12*

### How it works (the Third Legacy Procedure, that is ...)

A.A.'s Third Legacy Procedure is a special type of electoral procedure, used primarily for the election of delegates and regional and at-large trustees. It is considered to be unique to A.A., and at first glance, appears to introduce a strong element of chance into a matter that should depend solely on the judgment of the majority. In practice, however, it has proved highly successful in eliminating the influence of factions or parties that seem to thrive on most political scenes. The railroading of a candidate for election is made difficult, if not impossible, since voters have a wide selection of candidates to choose from. More importantly, a second-place candidate who may be extremely well qualified but without early popular support is encouraged to stay in the balloting rather than withdraw.

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**“Our liquor was but a symptom. So we had to get down to causes and conditions.” p.64**

## How the Third Legacy Voting Process Came About

### Third Legacy Procedure is as follows:

- The names of eligible candidates are posted on a board. All voting members (of the area or Conference body) cast written ballots, one choice to a ballot. The tally for each candidate is posted on the board.
- The first candidate to receive two-thirds of the total vote is elected.
- Withdrawals start after the second ballot. If any candidate has less than one-fifth of the total vote, his or her name is automatically withdrawn – except that the top two candidates must remain. (In case of ties for second place, the top candidate and all tied runners-up remain as candidates.)
- After the third ballot, candidates with less than one-third of the total vote will be withdrawn automatically, except the two top candidates remain. (In case there are ties for second place, the top candidate and all tied runners-up remain as candidates.)
- After the fourth ballot, if no candidate has two-thirds of the total vote, the candidate with the smallest total is automatically withdrawn, except that the top two candidates remain. In case there are ties for second place, the top candidate and all tied second-place candidates remain. At this point, the chairperson asks for a motion, second, and a simple majority of hands on conducting a fifth and final ballot. If this motion is defeated, balloting is over and the choice is made by lot – “going to the hat” – immediately. If the motion carries, a fifth and final ballot is conducted.
- If after the fifth ballot no election occurs, the chairperson announces that the choice will be made by lot (from the hat). At this point, the top two candidates remain. In case there are ties for first place, all tied first place candidates remain. In case there are no ties for first place, the top candidate and any tied second-place candidates remain.
- Lots are then drawn by the teller, and the first one “out of the hat” is the delegate (or trustee or other officer).

– The A.A. Service Manual, pages S21-S23

