

On The Rogue Again

JACKSON COUNTY CENTRAL OFFICE NEWSLETTER

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Editors Note - July 2014

We would love to hear your stories thoughts. If you have a submission for the newsletter please email it to Fifi3333@gmail.com.

The Rogue Valley Women In Recovery Brunch was wonderful. 171 women gathered to celebrate their sobriety. MaryAnn was missed by all but remembered in our hearts.

Gay and her crew did a superb job! Thank you, Gay.

~Virginia

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.

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Have a good day unless you have made other plans.

Read pages 86-87-88 in your Big Book of Alcoholics Anonymous every day.

Central Office News

Greetings from the Board of Jackson County AA Central Office. We thank all of the groups and individuals for their generous support. A great way to get involved is to volunteer for a four hour shift once a week. Please contact Bill S. at Central Office to learn more about this. You can always come to the business meeting the first Saturday of the month to volunteer. Remember, Central Office now has a web site. There you can find information about upcoming events and the meeting schedule as well the current issue of "On the Rogue Again." You can find it by pointing your browser to either www.jacksoncountyaa.org or www.aa.jacksoncountycentraloffice.org.

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Donations for May 2014

Bring Your Own Book	36.00
Pacific Positive Action	56.00
White House Group	160.00
Planting the Seed	85.00

Birthdays

Anne G.	10.00
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Newsletter

Anne G.	12.00
Brandy C	15.00

How about donating a dollar for each year on your sobriety birthday?!

The Southern Oregon Dog on The Roof 10th Anniversary Celebration was fantastic. The Dogs fed over 350 people. The best barbeque around and lots of families makes for a perfect Sunday. Thank you, DOTR!!!!

**Hole In The Wall is having a 25 year anniversary potluck picnic!!
July 19th, Noon at Tou Velle**

The new women's meeting in Ashland could use some support. It's not yet listed in the printed schedule
Women's Keystone
Monday, 5:30 pm
Ashland Library

STEP SIX

"Were entirely ready to have God remove all these defects of character."

Since most of us are born with an abundance of natural desires, it isn't strange that we often let these far exceed their intended purpose. When they drive us blindly, or we willfully demand that they supply us with more satisfactions or pleasures that are possible or due us, that is the point at

which we depart from the degree of perfection that God wishes for us here on earth. That is the measure of our character defects or, you wish, our sins. If we ask, God will certainly forgive our derelictions. But in no case does He render us white as snow and keep us that way without our cooperation. That is something we are supposed be willing to work toward ourselves. He asks only that we try as best we know how to make progress in the building of character.

Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions, pg. 65

WHEN DEFECTS ARE LESS THAN DEADLY

Practically everybody wishes to be rid of his most glaring and destructive handicaps. No one wants to be so proud that he is scorned as a braggart, nor so greedy that he is labeled a thief. No one wants to be angry enough to murder, lustful enough to rape, gluttonous enough to ruin his health. No one wants to be agonized by chronic envy or paralyzed by sloth.

Of course, most human beings don't suffer these defects at these rock-bottom levels, and we who have escaped such extremes are apt to congratulate ourselves. Yet can we? After all, hasn't it been self interest that has enabled most of us to escape? Not much spiritual effort is involved in avoiding excesses which will bring us punishment anyway. But when we face up to the less violent aspects of these very same defects, where do we stand?

Twelve and Twelve, pg. 66

"Admit when you're wrong. Shut up when you're right."

Fear and Faith

The achievement of freedom from fear is a lifetime undertaking, one that can never be wholly completed.

When under heavy attack, acute illness, or in other conditions of serious insecurity, we shall all react to this emotion - well or badly, as the case may be. Only the self-deceived proclaim perfect freedom from fear.

Grapevine, January 1962

There is nothing as easy as denouncing. It don't take much to see that something is wrong, but it takes some eyesight to see what will put it right again.

—Will Rogers

We come to this day with a choice of whether to be for something or against it. Shall we put energy into what we seek and admire or shall we give our energy to opposition and resistance of what we dislike? If someone asks a favor, we have a choice to resent and resist the intrusion or to engage with the person and see where it might lead. If a project we are working on is frustrating, we can wallow in criticizing it or try to get a clearer picture of what will work and what we want.

Criticizing may be a helpful first stage in learning, but it is seductive because it holds little risk and we feel safe doing it. In that comfort we forget to go forward to create what we really want. Our negative energy, when we are seduced by it, creates negative results. When we look back upon today, we will admire those choices that risked creating something positive.



The 7th Step Prayer

My Creator,

I am now willing that You should have all of me, good and bad.

I pray that You now remove from me every single defect of character which stands in the way of my usefulness to You and my fellows.

Grant me strength, as I go out from here, to do Your bidding.

Amen

When working steps six and seven we honestly have to ask ourselves; "Do I really want to give up the defect? Or do I just want to give up the results of the defect?"

LET'S ASK BILL

Question - What are the ideas embodied in the Twelve Traditions?

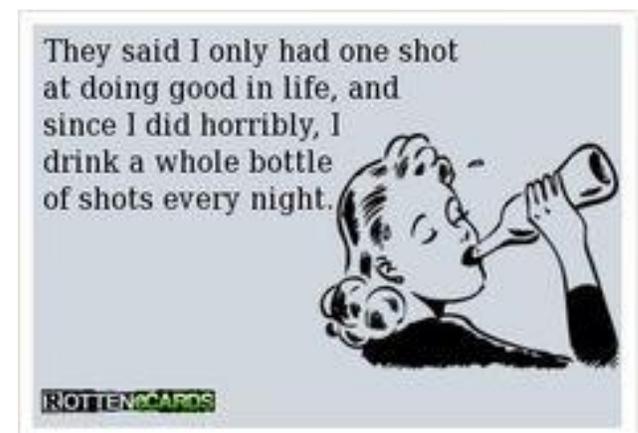
Answer - That, touching all matters affecting A.A. unity, our common welfare should come first; that A.A. has no human authority - only God as He may speak in our Group conscience; that our leaders are but trusted servants, they do not govern; that any alcoholic may become an A.A. member if he says so - we exclude no one; that every A.A. Group may manage its own affairs as it likes, provided surrounding groups are not harmed thereby; that we A.A.'s have but a single aim - the carrying of our message to the alcoholic who still suffers; that in consequence we cannot finance, endorse or otherwise lend the name 'Alcoholics Anonymous' to any other enterprise, however worthy; that A.A., as such, ought to remain poor, lest problems of property, management and money divert us from our sole aim; that we ought to be self-supporting, gladly paying our small expenses ourselves; that A.A. should forever remain non-professional, ordinary 12th step work never to be paid for; that, as a Fellowship, we should never be organized but may nevertheless create responsible Service Boards or Committees to insure us better propagation and sponsorship and that these agencies may engage full-time workers for special tasks; that our public relations ought to proceed upon the principle of attraction rather than promotion, it being better to let our friends recommend us; that personal anonymity at the level of press, radio and pictures out to be strictly maintained as our best protection against the temptations of power or personal ambition; and finally, that anonymity before the general public is the spiritual key to all our traditions, ever

reminding us to place principles before personalities, that we are actually to practice a genuine humility. This to the end that our great blessings may never spoil us; that we shall forever live in thankful contemplation of Him who presides over us all. (Tape - Twelve Traditions, Cleveland, July, 1950) .

Answer #2-

We sometimes congratulate ourselves on the Traditions as though they were a list of virtues singular to us. Actually, they are a codification of the lessons of our past experience during the early days of A.A.

These Traditions are not fixed absolutely. There may be room for improvement. However, they should not be lightly cast aside, since they bear on our unity, survival and growth under Gods grace." We are entering a new era of growth with vast forces tearing at the world. The problems and difficulties of the future may be greater than those we have already survived. Still, there is a love among us that passeth all understanding and that will sustain us through all the trials that lie ahead, no matter how formidable." (Transcribed from tape, GSC, 1968)





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