

# On The Rogue Again

JACKSON COUNTY CENTRAL OFFICE NEWSLETTER

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*We lost an outstanding member of our AA family when Dewey went to the Big Meeting in the Sky. He was sober since 10/20/02. A loyal, dedicated and funny man...he helped many fellows. He will be greatly missed. He's watching us from between the stars. Our love and support to Donna and Stephanie.  
~Virginia*

*We would love to hear your stories thoughts. If you have a submission for the newsletter please email it to [Fifi3333@gmail.com](mailto:Fifi3333@gmail.com).*

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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.jacksoncountyyaa.org](http://www.jacksoncountyyaa.org) or [www.aa.jacksoncountycentraloffice.org](http://www.aa.jacksoncountycentraloffice.org).



*Rogue Valley Women In Recovery was a wonderful success. Thanks to all the lovely women who make this fancy event happen. Every year we have more women join us to celebrate. This year we had over 170 women!*

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### Board Members

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### Donations for May 2015

Bottom of the Barrel	10.00
Medford Fellowship	55.00
I Did it My Way	100.00

### Birthdays

none

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

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40TH Annual Rogue Roundup was a hit! The countdown was impressive!  
 9,631 years  
 9 months  
 3 weeks  
 2 days

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*"If faith without works is dead, willingness without action is fantasy." ~Anonymous*

### STEP SIX

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

### STEP SEVEN

"Humbly asked Him to remove our shortcomings."

## The 12 and 12 says the following about Step Six:

"There is a big difference between striving for a self-determined objective and for the perfect objective which is of God. The only urgent thing is that we make a beginning, and keep trying. We shall need to raise our eyes toward perfection, and be ready to walk in that direction. It will seldom matter how haltingly we walk. The only question will be "**Are we ready?**" It is suggested that we ought to become entirely willing to aim toward perfection. We note that some delay, however, might be pardoned. That word, in the mind of a rationalizing alcoholic, could certainly be given a long-term meaning. He could say, 'How very easy! Sure, I'll head toward perfection, but I'm certainly not going to hurry any. Maybe I can postpone dealing with some of my problems indefinitely.' Of course, this WON'T do. Such a bluffing of oneself will have to go the way of many another pleasant rationalization. At the very least, we shall HAVE TO come to grips with some of our worst character defects AND take action toward their removal as quickly as we can. The moment we say, 'No, never!' our minds close against the grace of God. Delay is dangerous, and rebellion may be FATAL. This is the exact point at which we abandon limited objectives, and move toward God's Will for us."

### 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

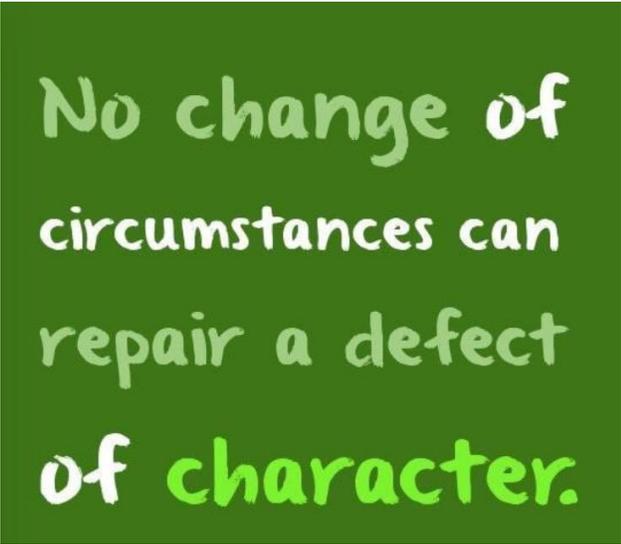
Now let's ponder the need for a list of the more glaring personality defects all of us have in varying degrees. To those having religious training, such a list would set forth serious violations of moral principles. Some others will think of this list as defects of character. Still others will call it an index of maladjustments. Some will become quite annoyed if there is talk about immorality, let alone sin. But all who are in the least reasonable will agree upon one point: that there is plenty wrong with us alcoholics about which plenty will have to be done if we are to expect sobriety, progress, and any real ability to cope with life.

12X12 p. 48 -- (character defects are violations of moral principles)

***Tradition Six: An AA group ought never endorse, finance, or lend the AA name to any related facility or outside enterprise, lest problems of money, property, and prestige divert us from our primary purpose.***

**Questions for Tradition 6:**

1. Should my fellow group members and I go out and raise money to endow several AA beds in our local hospital?
2. Is it good for a group to lease a small building?
3. Are all the officers and members of our local club for AAs familiar with "Guidelines on Clubs" (which is available free from GSO)?
4. Should the secretary of our group serve on the mayor's advisory committee on alcoholism?
5. Some alcoholics will stay around AA only if we have a TV and card room. If this is what is required to carry the message to them, should we have these facilities?



**No change of  
circumstances can  
repair a defect  
of character.**

***Tradition Seven: Every AA group ought to be fully self-supporting, declining outside contributions.***

**Questions for Tradition 7:**

1. Honestly now, do I do all I can to help AA (my group, my central office, my GSO) remain self-supporting? Could I put a little more into the basket on behalf of the new guy who can't afford it yet? How generous was I when tanked in a barroom?
2. Should the Grapevine sell advertising space to book publishers and drug companies, so it could make a big profit and become a bigger magazine, in full color, at a cheaper price per copy?
3. If GSO runs short of funds some year, wouldn't it be okay to let the government subsidize AA groups in hospitals and prisons?
4. Is it more important to get a big AA collection from a few people, or a smaller collection in which more members participate?
5. Is a group treasurer's report unimportant AA business? How does the treasurer feel about it?
6. How important in my recovery is the feeling of self-respect, rather than the feeling of being always under obligation for charity received?

"Our defects of character  
are the bars of a cage.  
The central point is not to  
study the bars, but to get out  
of the cage."

# Bill W. Article on Tradition 7

## Tradition Seven

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Our growth continuing, the combined income of Alcoholics Anonymous members will soon reach the astounding total of a quarter of a billion dollars yearly. This is the direct result of AA membership. Sober we now have it; drunk we would not.

By contrast, our overall AA expenses are trifling.

For instance, the AA General Service Office now costs us \$1.50 per member a year. As a fact, the New York office asks the groups for this sum twice a year because not all of them contribute. Even so, the sum per member is exceedingly small. If an AA happens to live in a large metropolitan center where an intergroup office is absolutely essential to handle heavy inquiries and hospital arrangements, he contributes (or probably should contribute) about \$5.00 annually. To pay the rent of his own group meeting place, and maybe coffee and doughnuts, he might drop \$25.00 a year in the hat. Or if he belongs to a club, it could be \$50.00. In case he takes the AA Grapevine, he squanders an extra \$2.50!

So the AA member who really meets his group responsibilities finds himself liable for about \$5.00 a month on the average. Yet his own personal income may be anywhere between \$200 and \$2,000 a month -- the direct result of not drinking.

"But," some will contend, "our friends want to give us money to furnish that new clubhouse. We are a new small group. Most of us are still pretty broke. What then?"

I am sure that myriads of AA voices would now answer the new group saying: "Yes, we know just how you feel. We once solicited money ourselves. We even solicited publicly. We thought we could do a lot of good with other

peoples' money. But we found that kind of money too hot to handle. It aroused unbelievable controversy. It simply wasn't worth it. Besides, it set a precedent which has tempted many people to use the valuable name of Alcoholics Anonymous for other than AA purposes. While there may be little harm in a small friendly loan which your group really means to repay, we really beg you to think hard before you ask the most willing friend to make a large donation. You can, and you soon will. pay your own way. For each of you these overhead expenses will never amount to more than the price of one bottle of good whiskey a month. You will be everlastingly thankful if you pay this small obligation yourselves."

When reflecting on these things, why should not each of us tell himself: "Yes, we AAs were once a burden on everybody. We were 'takers.' Now we are sober, and by the grace of God have become responsible citizens of the world, why shouldn't we now about-face and become 'thankful givers'! Yes, it is high time we did!"

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## AA & Alcoholism Factoids

Did you know that Bill Wilson was recognized as one of the [Top 100 Most Influential People](#) of the 20th Century by Time Magazine?

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Did you know that the One Millionth copy of the Big Book was given to then President Richard M. Nixon in a white House Ceremony?

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The Book was presented to the President by Dr. Jack Norris, a Non-Alcoholic Trustee

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It was suggested by friend and AA Member Tom Pike that Nixon apply the 12 steps to his life at the time of the Watergate controversy.

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About 43% of adults in the US (76 million people) have had a parent, child, sibling or spouse who is or was an alcoholic.

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An estimated 6.6 million children under the age of 18 years live in households with at least one alcoholic parent

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Two-thirds of the population consumes alcohol, but 10% of drinkers drink half of all alcohol consumed

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Alcohol contributes to 100,000 deaths annually, making it the third leading cause of preventable death in this country



## Founders Day

Founders Day actually represents the day Dr Bob took his last drink, about a month later. Here is a relevant quote from a timeline found at [www.aa.org](http://www.aa.org), (edited for length only):

"Henrietta Seiberling, daughter-in-law of the founder of the Goodyear Rubber Company, invites Bill to the Seiberling estate, where she lives in the gatehouse .... She tells him of the struggle of Dr. Robert S., and the meeting of the two men takes place the next day - Mother's Day, May 12, 1935 .... hours later, Dr. Bob realizes how much spiritual support can come as the result of one alcoholic talking to another alcoholic."

"Dr. Bob lapses into drinking again but quickly recovers. The day widely known as the date of Dr. Bob's last drink, June 10, 1935, is celebrated as the founding date of Alcoholics Anonymous."

Just a short 18 days later The Man on the Bed, Bill D , AA #3, was the first Treatment or Hospital Twelfth Step Call

And so on and so on...

HAPPY 80TH  
BIRTHDAY TO AA!!!!



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