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Jackson County Central Office Newsletter

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Central Office News

At the OFFICE:

Visitors 46
Calls 40
Meeting inquiries 18
Website 620

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

Chair – Joel S.
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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

September 2017 Donations

Anything Goes \$187.50
Talent AA \$120.00
Just for Today \$197.15
Living Sober \$10.00



Editors Note

*MFG Fellowship at
1920 Elm St., Medford
Halloween Dance
Friday, October 27th
7:00 pm to 11:00 pm*

*Ghoulish treats, Costume Contests and
Dancing with DJ (the Mummy)*

*Admission: Bring a 'ghoulish' treat to
share OR \$5.00 per person.*

*We would love to hear your stories and
thoughts. If you have a submission for the
newsletter please email it to
aajcounty@yahoo.com.*



VIRGINIA'S CORNER

Happy Halloween



Have a good day unless you have made other plans.

Upcoming Events:

BE SURE TO STAY UP TO DATE & VIEW AVAILABLE FLIERS
@www.jccoaa.org OR www.medfordareaaa.org

ROSE CITY GIRLSTOCK

12 Steps of Alcoholics Anonymous
Weekend Study
October 13th – 15th, 2017
LIMITED TO THE FIRST 300 PARTICIPANTS

Sierra Nevada Fall Roundup

October 20-22, 2017
Registration Required, see flyer on line

Bakers and Bingo

For all Al-Anon, Allateen and AA members
St. Vincent de Paul, Medford, OR
Saturday, October 21, 2017
Bingo starts at 4:30 pm
Baked Potatoe/Salad Bar at 6:00 pm
Speakers and Desert start at 7:00 pm

OLD TIMER SPEAKER MEETING

Grants Pass HiLo Club
688 Lincoln Rd, GP
October 22, 2017
2pm-4pm

Halloween Costume Party/Dance

Alano Club on Elm
Friday, Oct 27
7:00 pm to 11:00 pm
See Flyer

Wit AND Wisdom

On the Road to Recovery -Epigrams

"Wit and Wisdom" spoken in the rooms of AA all over the world.

Hear something clever, witty, or even profound at a meeting?

Send it to: aajacksoncounty@gmail.com

- Don't quit 5 minutes before the miracle happens
- Some of us our sicker than others
- We're all here because we're not all there

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Step 10—Continued to take personal Inventory and when we were wrong promptly admitted it.



...Are these extravagant promises? We think not. They are being fulfilled among us—sometimes quickly, sometimes slowly. They will always materialize if we work for them.

This thought brings us to **Step Ten**, which suggests we continue to take personal inventory and continue to set right any new mistakes as we go along. We vigorously commenced this way of living as we cleaned up the past. We have entered the world of the Spirit. Our next function is to grow in understanding and effectiveness. This is not an overnight matter. It should continue for our lifetime. Continue to watch for selfishness, dishonesty, resentment, and fear. When these crop up, we ask God at once to remove them. We discuss them with someone immediately and make amends quickly if we have harmed anyone. The we resolutely turn our thoughts to someone we can help. **Love and tolerance of others is our code.**

...from **Big Book of Alcoholics Anonymous**, page 84

The Tenth Tradition - *Alcoholics Anonymous has no opinion on outside issues; hence the A.A. name ought never be drawn into public controversy.*



"For ONLY a Dollar a Night??"

As a newcomer to the Fellowship of Alcoholics Anonymous I observed the practice of putting a dollar in the basket by most persons at the meetings I attended. But there were others who placed anything from a few coins to several dollars in the basket. So, being the good alcoholic that I was, (and still am!), I asked my sponsor about this.

"What", I asked, "is the proper amount to put in the collection basket?" My sponsor replied, very nonchalantly I might add, "How much did you spend on drinking? Shouldn't you give back to the program that saved your life, the same amount?" Needless to say, this wasn't the answer I expected, nor wanted! My drinking had bankrupted me, not only spiritually but financially as well. Should the program of AA also bankrupt me financially? I think not. My sponsor explained to me that he had only wanted to jolt me into the right frame of mind.

As in most things in life we need to strike a balance. As I became involved in the inner workings of AA groups I also observed that some well-attended meetings were experiencing financial difficulties due to a shortage of 7th Tradition contributions. It should be mentioned here that we members of AA are made up of people from all walks of life. There are those who come in financially destitute, and there are those who are financially well-off. Most of us fall somewhere in the middle. Our ability to contribute, or not, to the basket necessarily varies by each individual.

Let's also consider the harsh reality that our money today isn't worth what it was just a few years ago, let alone 80-plus years ago when AA was founded. Our founder, Bill W., tells a story where he hesitates to drop 50 cents into the hat, and ends up putting a dime in. This was in 1941. That dime, small as it seemed to Bill later when he "woke up", still had some purchasing power back then. According to 'calculator.net's' inflation calculator, one dollar, if dropped into the basket in 1980 for example, would be worth \$3.31 in today's money. Bill's dime in 1941 was worth \$1.72 in today's money. I heard in a meeting just the other night an old-timer share what a wonderful deal we got in the program, "for only a dollar a night". It has been the intention of this article to show that this sort of thinking, passed down to newcomers, contributes in a big way to placing our meetings in financial straits. Groups ought not to become rich, but wouldn't it be nice to be able to pay our group's obligations comfortably, and have a prudent reserve to be able to fall back on in hard times?

I will conclude with two quotes from our founder Bill W. These are both found in the 12 & 12 on page 163. At the bottom of paragraph four, Bill says, "There was a place in AA where spirituality and money would mix, and that was in the hat!" Then on the same page but two paragraphs up, Bill quotes an early group treasurer. He is telling the meeting members that they need to pay their rent or the landlord will throw them out. I leave you with his admonition and hope you who read this, might take it to heart... "Now boys, please go heavier on the hat tonight, will you?"submitted by JOEL S.

Concept X - *Every service responsibility should be matched by an equal service authority—the scope of such authority to be always well defined whether by tradition, by resolution, by specific job description or by appropriate charters and bylaws.*



Our service structure cannot function effectively and harmoniously unless, at every level, each operational responsibility is matched by a corresponding authority to discharge it. This requires that authority must be *delegated* at every level — and that the responsibility and authority of every entity are well defined and clearly understood. As we have seen (Concept I) “final responsibility and ultimate authority” reside with the A.A. groups, and they *delegate* this authority to the Conference (Concept II). The Conference, in turn, *delegates* to the General Service Board the authority to manage A.A.’s affairs (Concept VI) in its behalf. The board is in authority over its subsidiary operating conditions — A.A. World Services, Inc. and The A.A. Grapevine, Inc. — but it *delegates* to the directors of those corporations the authority necessary to run these service entities. The directors are in

authority over the executives of the corporations, but delegate to these officers the authority needed to carry out their administrative responsibilities. And finally, the executives *delegate* to the G.S.O. and Grapevine staff members and other employees the *authority* necessary to carry out their important service jobs.

OUT of the ARCHIVES - Submitted by Laura H.



Dr. Bob was viewed as the more laid back of the 2 Co-founders (Bill and Bob).

The last 15 years of his life were spent Sober- he believed his calling, albeit late in life, was to Stay Sober and help others recover from Alcoholism.

While helping many, many Folks achieve Sobriety, he absolutely insisted on enjoying life!

Dr. Bob owned, enjoyed and drove the finest cars of his time. He could often be seen speeding through the streets of Akron in one of the many Convertibles he owned over the years.

While Cadillac was his car of choice, his last car to own before he died was a long and fast Buick Convertible.

Dr. Bob also had a Tattoo of a dragon that wrapped around his arm. He was a fine dresser and owned a collection of Colorful, Bold Patterned Socks.

Dr. Bob loved Dogs..

Dr. Bob was my kind of guy!

Jim K. Memphis, TN

