

On The Rogue Again

JACKSON COUNTY CENTRAL OFFICE NEWSLETTER

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

If you would like us to include a story about your homegroup...send it in!!!

~Virginia

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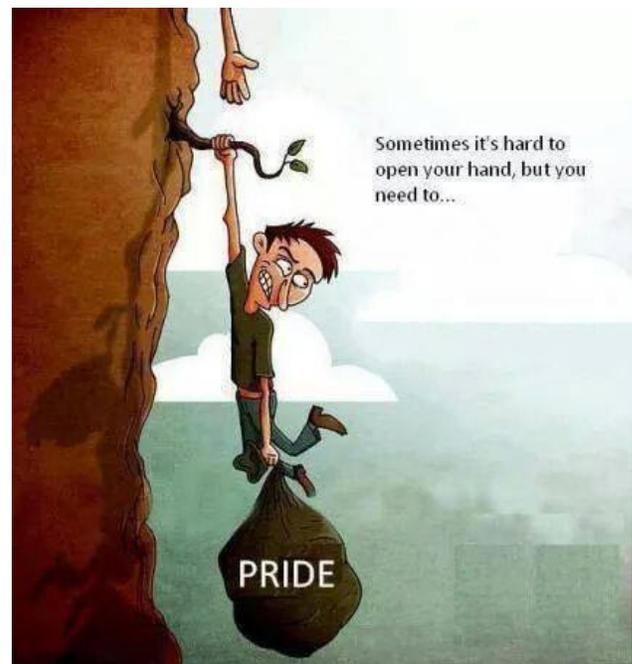
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Have a good day unless you have made other plans.

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 or www.aajacksoncountycentraloffice.org.



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Donations for August 2014

Monday Nooners Ashland	127.50
There is a Solution	152.00
Tell It Like It Is	40.00
Thursday Night Candle Light	75.00
Keep It Simple	100.00
Ruch 9:03	100.00
Ashland Tuesday Newcomers	48.70

Birthdays

Hildegard T.	33.00
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Donations for July 2014

Pacific Postive Action	57.00
Ruch 9:03	125.00
Ashland Morning	50.00
Eagle Point Wed. Night Book	20.00

Birthdays

None

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

There are two rules on this spiritual path: Begin & Continue

-Sufi Saying

Effective October 1, 2014, literature prices increases went into

effect, which were approved on July 3rd by the A.A.W.S board. Along with that, a decrease in shipping and handling charges will also go into effect.

A new price list will soon be available. A few examples of increased prices; Big Book from \$8 to \$9.50 12 & 12 from \$7.40 to \$8.90 AA Comes of Age from \$8.50 to \$9.50

Sales of Conference-approved literature supplement the annual GSO budget to keep its services available. If each group made contributions equal to \$6.00 annually for each member, there wouldn't be a need to depend on sales.

Step Ten

Continued to take personal inventory and when we were wrong PROMPTLY admitted it.

"This...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."

Pg. 84, Big Book

There is an expression that describes the Tenth Step perfectly. It goes something like this: If we remove our garbage promptly, our house doesn't stink.

Tradition Ten

"Alcoholics Anonymous has no opinion on outside issues; hence the A.A. name ought never be drawn into public controversy."

**Editorial by Bill W.
A.A. Grapevine, September 1948**

No A.A. Group or member should ever, in such a way as to implicate A.A., express any opinion on outside controversial issues -- particularly those of politics, alcohol reform, or sectarian religion. The Alcoholics Anonymous Groups oppose no one. Concerning such matters they can express no views whatever.

To most of us, Alcoholics Anonymous has become as solid as the Rock of Gibraltar. We like to believe that it will soon be as well known and just as enduring as that historic landmark. We enjoy this pleasant conviction because nothing has yet occurred to disturb it; we reason that we must hang together or die. Hence we take for granted our continued unity as a movement.

But should we? Though God has bestowed upon us great favors, and though we are bound by stronger ties of love and necessity than most societies, is it prudent to suppose that automatically these great gifts and attributes shall be ours forever. If we are worthy, we shall probably continue to enjoy them. So the real question is, how shall we always be worthy of our present blessings?

Seen from this point of view, our A.A. Traditions are those attitudes and practices by which we may deserve, as a movement, a long life and a useful one. To this end, none could be more vital than our 10th Tradition, for it deals with the subject of controversy -- serious controversy.

On the other side of the world, millions have not long since died in religious dissension. Other millions have died in political controversy. The end is not yet. Nearly everybody in the world has turned reformer. Each group, society and nation is saying to the other, "You must do as we say, or else". Political controversy and reform by compulsion has reached an all-time high. And eternal, seemingly, are the flames of religious dissension.

Being like other men and women, how can we expect to remain forever immune from these perils? Probably we shall not. At length, we must meet them all. We cannot flee from them, nor ought we try. If these challenges do come, we shall, I am sure, go out to

meet them gladly and unafraid. That will be the acid test of our worth.

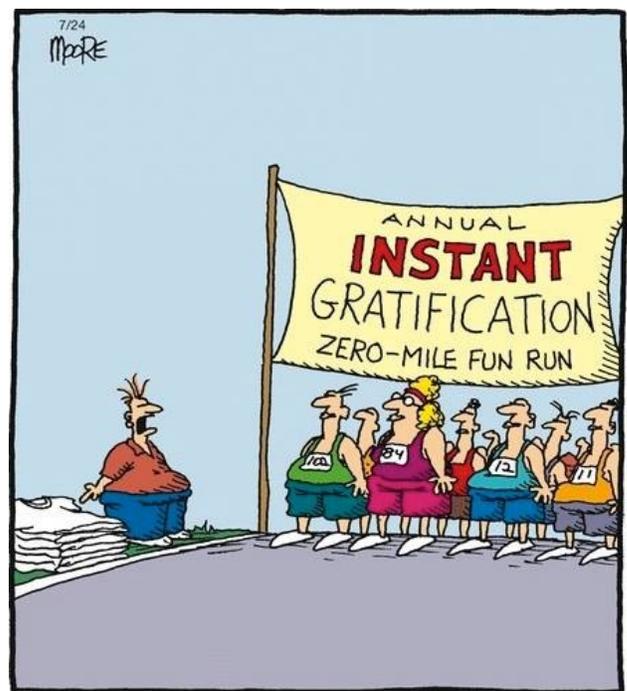
Our best defense? This surely lies in the formation of a Tradition respecting serious controversy so powerful that neither the weakness of persons nor the strain and strife of our troubled times can harm Alcoholics Anonymous. We know that A.A. must continue to live, or else many of us and many of our brother alcoholics throughout the world will surely resume the hopeless journey to oblivion. That must never be.

As though by some deep and compelling instinct we have thus far avoided serious controversies. Save minor and healthy growing pains, we are at peace among ourselves. And because we have thus far adhered to our sole aim, the whole world regards us favorably.

May God grant us the wisdom and fortitude ever to sustain an unbreakable unity.

Bill W.

The A.A. Grapevine, September, 1948

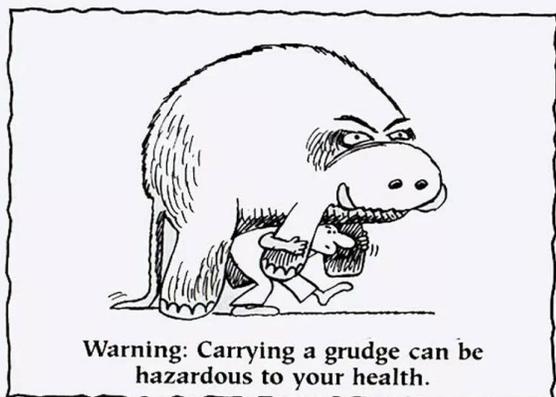


"Runners to your mark. Get set. Go! ... OK, come get your T-shirts."

THE TENTH CONCEPT OF SERVICE

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.

"We are of service by accepting responsibility for the authority God has given us and by respecting the authority God has given to others."



my12stepstore.com

Two guys, one old, one young, are pushing their carts around the grocery store when they collide. The old guy says to the young guy, "Sorry about that. I'm looking for my wife, and I guess I wasn't paying attention to where I was going." The young guy says, "That's OK, it's a coincidence. I'm looking for my wife, too... I can't find her and I'm getting a little desperate." The old guy says, "Well, maybe I can help you find her... what does she look like?" The young guy says, "Well, she is 27 yrs. old, tall, with red hair, blue eyes, is buxom wearing no bra, long legs, and is wearing short shorts.

What does your wife look like?' To which the old guy says, "Doesn't matter, --- let's look for yours."

HER STORY...

SHE THINKS DRINKING MASS AMOUNTS OF COFFEE WILL WEIGH HER DOWN ENOUGH TO KEEP HER DERRIÈRE IN THE CHAIR, INSTEAD OF FLOATING TO THE CEILING LIKE HER WEIGHTLESS BODY WANTED TO. SHE RIDES THE TEETER TOTTER IN HER HEAD WEIGHING IN ON WHETHER OR NOT TO ADD ANOTHER WELCOME COIN TO HER COLLECTION, AS THE BOTTOM OF HER PURSE IS ALREADY LITTERED WITH THEM. SHE HAD FREQUENTED THIS PARTICULAR MEETING BEFORE, BUT IT WAS ON THIS DAY THAT SHE REALIZED WHY SHE WAS THERE, TO HEAR THE WOMAN WHO WAS GOING TO SHOW HER HOW LIFE COULD BE. SHE HAD HEARD MOST OF THEIR STORIES BEFORE, BUT ALWAYS BELIEVED HER OWN TO BE AN OUTLIER IN THE GROUP, AND THE MOST PAINFULLY UNIQUE. SHE OFTEN YEARNED FOR WHAT MANY OF THEM HAD AND DID HER BEST TO SEE THE SIMILARITIES AND NOT THE DIFFERENCES. IN THIS WOMAN, SHE HEARD HER OWN STORY AND WHEN SHE LISTENED, IT SOUNDED LIKE SINGING.... SHE KNEW HER SONG. SHE GLOWED WITH LIFE AND SHE KNEW THAT IF SHE COULD JUST JUMP INSIDE HER SKIN FOR A MOMENT SHE COULD FEEL ALIVE TOO. BY NO MEANS DID THIS ONE WOMAN'S STORY ERASE THAT FACT THAT HER "DRINKING PARADE" WAS BEING RAINED UPON PERMANENTLY, BUT SHE ALSO DIDN'T FEEL LIKE SHE WAS DROWNING ANYMORE. SHE THANKED THE WOMAN AFTER THE MEETING FOR HER SHARE AND THEN NERVOUSLY TOLD HER SHE LIKED HER EARRINGS, KNOWING IN HER HEART THEY WOULD EXCHANGE STORIES SOMEDAY. LEAVING THAT NIGHT SHE FELT DIFFERENT THAN SHE HAD BEFORE, SHE KNEW WHAT SHE WANTED, TO FEEL RATHER THAN JUST EXIST. HER PURPOSE BEING TO DANCE THROUGH THIS LIFE, NOT JUST TO CRAWL. SHE WAS EXACTLY WHERE SHE WAS SUPPOSED TO BE, LISTENING TO THE STORIES OF OTHERS

AND HOPEFULLY SOMEDAY PROVIDING THE
INSPIRATION THAT WOULD REPLACE
SOMEONE ELSE'S TEAR WITH A TWINKLE.
SHE HELD HER COIN UP TO HER OWN
HEART, LETTING THEM BE FRIENDS, SHE
KNEW THAT IT WAS HER ONLY CHANCE THIS
TIME... AT THE LIFE SHE KNEW SHE
WANTED AND DESERVED.

~ANONYMOUS~

Homegroup Histories

THIS IS THE SHORT VERSION OF THE
"SOUTHERN OREGON DOG ON THE ROOF"
GROUP AS RELATED BY ORIGINAL HOME
GROUP MEMBERS WHO WERE THERE IN THE
BEGINNING.

EARLY IN FEB 2004, A GROUP OF SEVEN
FRIENDS WERE GATHERED IN THE GARAGE OF
OTTO W. WORKING ON HIS MOTORCYCLE. THE
SUBJECT OF NOT HAVING A MENS STAG
GROUP IN THE AREA BECAME THE TOPIC.
THAT NIGHT, OTTO W, LARRY J, RAY W, TOM
H, RUSS W, MIKE R, BENNY R, DECIDED TO
START A MENS GROUP IN MEDFORD. WITH THE
HELP OF DOTR IN ORANGE COUNTY, CALIF. WE
GOT STARTED AND BEGAN MEETING ON WED
NIGHTS IN OTTOS GARAGE. WE GREW
QUICKLY AND MOVED TO THE UNITY CHURCH
ON HOLLY STREET, WE CONTINUED TO GROW
AND WE MOVED TO THE HALL BEHIND STAR
AUTO BODY ON THE CORNER OF MCANDREWS
AND SUMMIT, WHERE WE STILL MEET TODAY,
WED NIGHTS 7:00 PM. WE HAVE ADDED A
MONDAY MORNING STAG MEETING WHICH
MEETS @ 7:00AM @ THE SAME HALL AS THE
WED NIGHT MEETING. TO DATE WE REMAIN A
BUSY GROUP. ANNUAL BOWLING
FIASCO, ANNUAL GOLF TOURNEY, RUN TO
LAUGHLIN, ANNUAL PICNIC, ANNUAL CAMPOUT,
XMAS FAMILY POKER RUN, SPAGHETT
FEED, SPONSER CHRISTMAS FAMILY, XMAS
TOY RUN WITH THE MARINE CORPS.

"The trouble with us alcoholics was this: We
demanded that the world give us happiness and
peace of mind in just the particular order we
wanted to get it-- by the alcohol route. And we
weren't successful. But when we take the time to
find out some of the spiritual laws, and

familiarize ourselves with them, and put them
into practice, then do we get happiness and
peace of mind..... There seem to be some rules
that we have to follow, but happiness and peace
of mind are always here, open and free to
anyone"

Dr. Bob and the Good Old-timers, p. 308

I pray I may continue:

To grow in understanding
and effectiveness;

To take daily spot check
inventories of myself;

To correct mistakes
when I make them;

To take responsibility
for my actions;

To be ever aware of
my negative and
self-defeating
attitudes and behaviors;

To keep my
willingness in check;

To always remember
I need Your help;

To keep love and tolerance
of others as my code;

And to continue in daily
prayer how I can
best serve You,
my Higher Power.

I was reading an article last night about fathers and sons, and memories came flooding back of the time I took my son out for his first pint.

Off we went to our local pub which is only two blocks from the house. I got him a Guinness. He didn't like it – so I drank it. Then I got him a

Budweiser, he didn't like it, so I drank it. It was the same with the Molson's and the Labatt's.

By the time we got down to the Tullamore Dew, I could hardly push the stroller back home.



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