

# on the Rogue again

## Jackson County Central Office Newsletter

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### Central Office News

#### At the OFFICE:

Visitors 70  
Calls 92  
Meeting inquiries 16  
Website 657

**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**

Michele W. \$100.27  
Hole in the Wall \$248  
Medford Fellowship \$100  
Tell it Like it is \$50  
Ashland Monday Night Men's \$80  
Rebellion Dogs Monday noon \$20  
Rogue Round Up \$250  
Monday Step Night \$30  
White House Group \$150  
Ashland Tues Noon Newtimer's \$30.55

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

**Joel S. \$5.00**  
**Hildegard T. \$38**  
**Russ W. \$18**

### Editors Note

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

### VIRGINIA'S CORNER



MORE OR LESS.....

Fear less, hope more;

Eat less, chew more;

Whine less, breath more;

Talk less, say more;

Love more, and all good things will

be yours!!!

Swedish Proverb



**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](http://www.jccoaa.org) OR [www.medfordareaaa.org](http://www.medfordareaaa.org)

### Old Timers Meeting

St. Vincent DePaul , Medford  
9/10/2017  
2 pm—4 pm  
Cake and Coffee Provided

### Seniors in Sobriety

INTERNATIONAL AA CONF.  
Sept. 14-17, 2017  
Van Nuys, CA

### SOBRIETY by the SEA

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

### ROSE CITY GIRLSTOCK

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

### OLD TIMER SPEAKER MEETING

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



## On the Road to Recovery -Epigrams

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

*Don't believe everything we think*

*If I'm giving – I'm probably in God's will. If I'm talking I'm probably in my will.*

*AA – plug into the power source – God. When I unplug – I become irritable, discontent and unconnected.*

*AA is suicide prevention. AL anon is a homicide prevention program.*

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

Send it to: [aajacksoncounty@gmail.com](mailto:aajacksoncounty@gmail.com)

**Step 9** *Made direct amends to such people wherever possible, except when to do so would injure them or others.*

*From the September 2011 Grapevine magazine.*

The truth will set you free. I have heard this basic fundamental concept since I was a young child. I never gave it much thought back then, but now it has become part of my moral foundation. I believe that telling the truth is best, even when your mind perceives it as a sign of weakness. Recently I have been placed in tough battling between telling the truth and be freed or lying and suffer the consequences, which are to let these lies fester, and let myself rot emotionally.

August 16, 2006, was the day I came into recovery. For those who don't understand the lingo, this means I am a recovering alcoholic, and that's the last day I chose to drink. Let just say there is more to not drinking, then not drinking. For lack of a better a term, you come out a world of non-existent virtues—the foundation of which is cast in lies, resentments, and thievery. In this world all moral standards go to the wayside.

Coming out of this world, you are faced with some stark realities: number one is that you are an alcoholic and could not manage your own life. Number two is: you are forced to look at all the damage you had caused. For many, these acts may be a hard pill to swallow, but you must face them, for the truth to set you free. For an alcoholic like myself, these lies and resentments are the first step to finding myself hoIn my personal recovery, I have had to deal with telling the truth. Believe me, the thought of admitting these wrong doings, made me more uncomfortable in my own skin then I already was. In my days of active alcoholism, I was a thief of the worse kind. I stole and cheated many of people out of money, including my parents and grandmother. These act of thievery made me feel horrid inside, and admitting it to these people seemed unfathomable. I was scared to admit the deeds I had done it, fear had run rampant in my heart, and had left its heavy imprint on my soul. This is not a comfortable or safe place to be when you're a recovering alcoholic. hopeless, out on the streets, or in jail. (continue next page)

What was I to do? An older gentleman I know and who is also in recovery told me, "Tell your folks and grandmother the truth, and let the miracle happen." So I did, I sat them down in my living room and told them that I had stolen thousands of dollars from them, and was willing to go to any lengths to make amends. I was sobbing so hard at this point I could barely contain myself. They responded, "Jimmy, you are our son and we love you. If you stay sober, and do the right thing all will be forgiven." After this, we shared some heart-felt hugs and kisses. I felt remorseful, but better emotionally than I had in years. I knew at that moment that the truth was a feeling, and a key element in maintaining long term recovery.

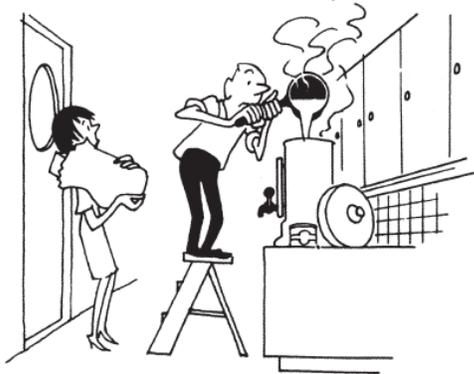
It has been a long rode the last two and half years, but I know living an honest and truthful life has not lead me down the wrong path yet. I won't say it has always worked out the way I would have liked it, but the other option never gave me the results I was seeking. It only lands me in jails and institutions, which is not freedom by any means. Truth is freedom, it has given me a new beginning, where my love ones, trust and respect me. By telling the truth, I have learned I no longer have to live in fear of my past. I also have surmised that my dark past is constantly becoming one of my biggest assets. I am a huge advocate for telling the truth, for I have found it has given me the life I so desperately wanted when I was out there hitting the bottle.

-- Jimmy S.

**The Ninth Tradition** *A.A., as such, ought never be organized but we may create service boards or committees directly responsible to those they serve.*

**WE DO SET UP COMMITTEES AND BOARDS . . .**

But whether they make coffee... or help organize groups in deepest Africa... **THEY ONLY SERVE**



**Concept IX** *Good service leaders, together with sound and appropriate methods of choosing them, are at all levels indispensable for our future functioning and safety. The primary world service Leadership once exercised by the founders of A.A. must necessarily be assumed by the Trustees of the General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous.*



## OUT of the ARCHIVES



**September 1, 1949.** The first issue of The AA Grapevine in pocket format is published.

**September 7, 1935.** Bill W. returns from his Akron trip and AA begins in New York City.

**September 9, 1945.** San Diego, California holds its first Women's Meeting.

**September 10, 1946.** Trustees of the Alcoholic Foundation issue a statement regarding fund raising. "Alcoholics Anonymous looks with disfavor on the unauthorized use of its name in any fund raising charity."

**September 11, 1938.** Fitz M.'s sister Agnes lends Bill W. and Hank P. \$1,000 to help them get through the Big Book project.

**September 16, 1939.** The first AA group in Chicago is founded.

**September 18, 1947.** Dallas Central Office opens its doors.

**September 22, 1971.** Over 500 attended the first European Convention of AA in Bristol, England.

**September 29, 1943.** Tuscon *Arizona Star* reports about an AA group with 8 men and 3 women.

**September 30, 1940.** The AA Bulletin found 9 "secure" groups in NYC, Washington D.C., Detroit, Chicago, Philly, Houston, Akron, Los Angeles, and Cleveland.

**Step Nine:** First aid healing wrap - in my experience with making my amends to people, some folks accepted it, some resentfully didn't want to hear it and some didn't even care. Still it was a motivational turning point and continues to be, bringing feelings of healing within...

Submitted by:  
Salvador G.

