

On the Rogue Again

45th Annual Rogue Roundup is Coming Next Month
The Jackson County A·A· Central Office e-Newsletter



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"By discovering what our emotional deformities are, we can move toward their correction. Without a willing and persistent effort to do this, there can be little sobriety or contentment for us. Without a searching and fearless moral inventory, most of us have found that the faith which really works in daily living is still out of reach."

Alcoholics Anonymous World Services, Inc., Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions, p. 43.



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form and submit your personal story, poem, joke, or anything that has helped you on your journey.



Step Four - "Made a searching and fearless moral inventory of ourselves."

"Before tackling the inventory problem in detail, let's have a closer look at what the basic problem is. Simple examples like the following take on a world of meaning when we think about them. Suppose a person places sex desire ahead of everything else. In such a case, this imperious urge can destroy his chances for material and emotional security as well as his standing in the community. Another may develop such an obsession for financial security that he wants to do nothing but hoard money. Going to the extreme, he can become a miser, or even a recluse who denies himself both family and friends.

"Nor is the quest for security always expressed in terms of money. How frequently we see a frightened human being determined to depend completely upon a stronger person for guidance and protection. This weak one, failing to meet life's responsibilities with his own resources, never grows up. Disillusionment and helplessness are his lot. In time all his protectors either flee or die, and he is once more left alone and afraid.



“We have also seen men and women who go power-mad, who devote themselves to attempting to rule their fellows. These people often throw to the winds every chance for legitimate security and a happy family life. Whenever a human being becomes a battleground for the instincts, there can be no peace.

“But that is not all of the danger. Every time a person imposes his instincts unreasonably upon others, unhappiness follows. If the pursuit of wealth tramples upon people who happen to be in the way, then anger, jealousy, and revenge are likely to be aroused. If sex runs riot, there is a similar uproar. Demands made upon other people for too much attention, protection, and love can only invite domination or revulsion in the protectors themselves—two emotions quite as unhealthy as the demands which evoked them. When an individual's desire for prestige becomes uncontrollable, whether in the sewing circle or at the international conference table, other people suffer and often revolt. This collision of instincts can produce anything from a cold snub to a blazing revolution. In these ways we are set in conflict not only with ourselves, but with other people who have instincts, too.”

“Step Four is the foundation of freedom.”
Jason Wahler

Alcoholics Anonymous World Services, Inc. *Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions*, p. 43-44.

“We finally saw that the inventory should be ours, not the other man's. So we admitted our wrongs honestly and became willing to set these matters straight.”

Alcoholics Anonymous World Services, Inc., New York, N.Y. Copyright 1967. *As Bill Sees It*. p. 222.



Tradition Four - “Each group should be autonomous except in matters affecting other groups or A.A. as a whole.”

“Autonomy is a ten-dollar word. But in relation to us, it means very simply that every A.A. group can manage its affairs exactly as it pleases, except when A.A. as a whole is threatened. Comes now the same question raised in Tradition One. Isn't such liberty foolishly dangerous?”



“Over the years, every conceivable deviation from our Twelve Steps and Traditions has been tried. That was sure to be, since we are so largely a band of ego-driven individualists. Children of chaos, we have defiantly played with every brand of fire, only to emerge unharmed and, we think, wiser. These very deviations created a vast process of trial and error which, under the grace of God, has brought us to where we stand today.

“When A.A.'s Traditions were first published, in 1946, we had become sure that an A.A. group could stand almost any amount of battering. We saw that the group, exactly like the individual, must eventually conform to whatever tested principles would guarantee survival. We had discovered that there was perfect safety in the process of trial and error. So confident of this had we become that the



original statement of A.A. tradition carried this significant sentence: 'Any two or three alcoholics gathered together for sobriety may call themselves an A.A. group provided that as a group they have no other affiliation.'

"This meant, of course, that we had been given the courage to declare each A.A. group an individual entity, strictly reliant on its own conscience as a guide to action. In charting this enormous expanse of freedom, we found it necessary to post only two storm signals: A group ought not do anything which would greatly injure A.A. as a whole, nor ought it affiliate itself with anything or anybody else. There would be real danger should we commence to call some groups 'wet,' others 'dry,' still others 'Republican' or 'Communist,' and yet others 'Catholic' or 'Protestant.' The A.A. group would have to stick to its course or be hopelessly lost. Sobriety had to be its sole objective. In all other respects there was perfect freedom of will and action. Every group had the right to be wrong."

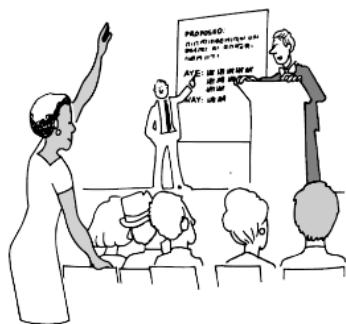
Alcoholics Anonymous World Services, Inc. *Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions*, p. 146-147.



Concept IV for World Service - "At all responsible levels, we ought to maintain a traditional "Right of Participation," allowing a voting representation in reasonable proportion to the responsibility that each must discharge."

The Twelve Concepts for World Service were written by A.A.'s co-founder Bill W. and were adopted by the General Service Conference of Alcoholics Anonymous in 1962. The Concepts are an interpretation of A.A.'s world service structure as it emerged through A.A.'s early history and experience.

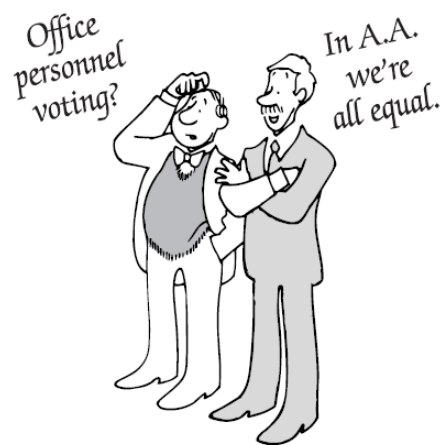
"The principle of 'Right of Participation' is built into the General Service Conference through the Conference Charter. Voting members include not only delegates, but also the trustees, and the directors and staff members of A.A. World Services (i.e., G.S.O.) and the A.A. Grapevine.



"Bill warns against the possibility of new delegates or trustees trying to 'weaken, modify or toss out' the 'Right of Participation.' He cites arguments by delegates to take away the trustees', directors' and staff members' vote at the Conference. 'Certainly,' he says, 'our trustees and service workers are not less conscientious, experienced and wise than the delegates.'

"'It is vital,' he continues, 'to preserve the traditional 'Right of Participation,' in the face of every tendency to whittle it down.'

"Finally, there is a spiritual reason for the 'Right of Participation.' All of us desire to belong. In A.A., no members are 'second class. The 'Right of Participation' therefore reinforces Tradition Two, that no member is placed in 'ultimate authority' over another. We perform our service tasks better 'when we are sure we belong-when our 'participation' assures us we are truly the 'trusted servants' described in Tradition Two."



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Step Four Principle

Honesty and Courage

"Putting out of our minds the wrongs others had done, we resolutely looked for our own mistakes. Where had we been selfish, dishonest, self-seeking and frightened? Though a situation had not been entirely our fault, we tried to disregard the other person involved entirely. Where were we to blame? The inventory was ours, not the other man's. When we saw our faults, we listed them. We placed them before us in black and white. We admitted our wrongs **honestly** and were willing to set these matters straight."

"The most free person in the world is the one who has nothing to hide."

Unknown

Alcoholics Anonymous World Services, Inc. Alcoholics Anonymous, Fourth Edition, 2001. How It Works, p. 67.

"You cannot swim to new horizons until you have the courage to lose sight of the shore."

William Faulkner

"The word 'fearless' in Step Four implies **courage**, but not how you might think. Many of us do indeed fear the process of taking a long, hard look at our past. But we express all of the first four principles in doing so anyway. Our "searching" inventory necessitates full **honesty**, and we take this Step in the hopes of bettering our recovery. Faith then inspires **courage**, allowing us to push through the fear that sometimes causes us to procrastinate.

"In The Gifts of Imperfection, Brené Brown provides an excellent definition of **courage** that we may apply to Step Four.

In one of its earliest forms, the word **courage** had a very different definition than it does today. **Courage** originally meant "To speak one's mind by telling all one's heart." Over time, this definition has changed, and, today, **courage** is more synonymous with being heroic. Heroics is important and we certainly need heroes, but I think we've lost touch with the idea that speaking **honestly** and openly about who we are, about what we're feeling, and about our experiences (good and bad) is the definition of **courage**. Heroics is often about putting our life on the line. Ordinary **courage** is about putting our vulnerability on the line. In today's world, that's pretty extraordinary.

"To continue working our recovery and developing our principles, we require the **courage** to be vulnerable. And it's a good thing we begin building it in Step Four, because we're going to need it in the Steps to come."

Principles of the Twelve Steps. Retrieved from <https://www.amethystrecovery.org/principles-12-steps/>.

Note: *About the A·A· Principles - Bill W., considered each Step to be a spiritual principle in and of itself. In the Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions, he outlined the spiritual principles behind each Step. The most important principle is Humility.*

“To get somewhere new,
you must first decide that you are tired of being where you are.”

Unknown



Step Four Prayers



Dear God,

"I was to test my thinking by the new God-consciousness within. I was to sit quietly when in doubt, asking only for direction and strength to meet my problems as He would have me. Never was I to pray for myself, except as my requests bore on my usefulness to others. Then only might I expect to receive. But that would be in great measure."

Alcoholics Anonymous World Services, Inc., *Alcoholics Anonymous*, Fourth Edition, 2001, Bill's Story, p. 13.



Dear God,

God mold my ideals in this particular area of my life and help me to live up to them. What should I do in each specific matter? Guide me God and give me strength to do right.

AMEN

Derived from Alcoholics Anonymous World Services, Inc., *Alcoholics Anonymous*, Fourth Edition, 2001, How It Works, p. 69.

Dear God,

"I ask that you guide and direct me, and that I have decided to turn my life and will over to you. To serve You and to dedicate my life to You. I thank you Lord, I believe that if I ask this in prayer, I shall receive what I have asked for. Thank you God.

Amen."

Third Step Prayer by Clarence S. Love and Tolerance is Our Code. Friends of Bill W. Retrieved of from http://friendsofwillw.net/third_step_prayers



Virginia's Corner

If the only thing you did today was stay sober, then you accomplished a lot. Today is a good day.

District 16, A.A. Member, Eric

Freedom from Bondage

Freedom from Resentment with Love in its Place

"He said, in effect: 'If you have a resentment you want to be free of, if you will pray for the person or the thing that you resent, you will be free. If you will ask in prayer for everything you want for yourself to be given to them, you will be free. Ask for their health, their prosperity, their happiness, and you will be free. Even when you don't really want it for them, and your prayers are only words and you don't mean it, go ahead and do it anyway. Do it every day for two weeks and you will find you have come to mean it and to want it for them, and you will realize that where you used to feel bitterness,



resentment, and hatred, you now feel compassionate understanding and love.'

"It worked for me then, and it has worked for me many times since, and it will work for me every time I am willing to work it. Sometimes I have to ask first for the willingness, but it too always comes. And because it works for me, it will work for all of us. As another great man says, 'The only real freedom a human being can ever know is doing what you ought to do because you want to do it.'

"This great experience that released me from the bondage of hatred and replaced it with love is really just another affirmation of the truth I know; I get everything I need in Alcoholics Anonymous—and everything I need I get. And when I get what I need, I invariably find that it was just what I wanted all the time."

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Forgiveness of My Past Behaviors

By a Free, Blessed, and Grateful member of Alcoholics Anonymous of Josephine County A.A., District 7.



Step Four forced me to look at my past behaviors. I found out things about myself that I had beat myself up about. I drank to subdue the resultant emotional disturbances I felt.

So, to eliminate my own guilt and shame I had only to forgive others whenever I felt resentful to them. I learned this process by not just reciting The Lord's Prayer but by really practicing what I was praying. Through the Program, I also learned that if I wanted to experience true serenity, I had to extend forgiveness positively and definitively to everyone to whom it was possible that I can owe forgiveness, namely, to anyone who I thought could have injured me in any way. It was only then that I was able to be released of that resentment and be free.

Holding onto anger is like holding onto a hot coal with the intent of throwing it at someone else. You are the one getting burned.



Buddha

According to Alcoholics Anonymous, Bill W., states on page 67 of the Chapter titled "How It Works" that "Resentment is the 'number one' offender. It destroys more alcoholics than anything else." Thus, learning the process of overcoming resentment through forgiveness literally saved not only my life but also the lives of many others who were afflicted with the disease of alcoholism and has enabled all of us to live happier lives.

However, what about that other killer, fear? Well, in the same chapter of Alcoholics Anonymous, Bill W., also states that fear "was an evil and corroding thread; the fabric of our lives was shot through with it. It set in motion trains of circumstances which brought us misfortune that we felt we didn't deserve. But did not we, ourselves, set the ball in rolling? Sometimes we think fear ought to be classed with stealing. It seems to cause more trouble." In other words, there wasn't any way around that emotion. There was no magic wand or no spell that I could undergo to overcome it. I prayed for strength and resiliency in order to feel the fear, face the fear, and overcome the fear.

But what really helped me bring it all together was learning to be grateful. With forgiveness for others, releasing the anger, pain, resentment, and facing my fears, giving thanks in all things and to all those who challenged my peace of mind was the essential piece that led me to a discovery on the well-trodden journey from despair to happiness, from chaos to serenity, from anger to love.

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Untitled

The Mill Creek A.A. Group at the Oregon State Penitentiary in Salem, Oregon will celebrate its 77th anniversary on May 3, 2021. It was established in 1944 making it the longest running prison A.A. group in the nation.

"I find myself often wondering about why and how I ended up where I am, here in prison, locked in a cage like an animal for most of the day, every day, never able to go for a peaceful walk at night, eat at a nice restaurant, make love to a woman. It's so goddamned unnatural, isn't it? It really is like a nightmare. Something unreal, so awful, so horrific, it just couldn't be real, could it? But then, I again feel the claustrophobia of the cage in which I'm forced to live, and I once more comprehend oh so clearly that it is absolutely real. It's the most real thing I've ever experienced. For me, it's madness. I get so frustrated when I hear other men say, '**Prison saved my life,**' or '**I know I deserved to pay for my sins,**' or '**If I wouldn't have come to prison, I know I'd be dead by now.**' What!?! What the hell? No! Wake up! I want to yell in their face, we are victims! Good men enslaved by this corrupt system by evil and corrupt monsters! Right? '**I don't belong here!**' I silently scream to myself in my little cage (which by the way is usually when someone else on the block will scream those exact words out loud, I'm fairly sure mocking me and my pain on some weird spiritual level) But then, once more my mind wonders as to what I actually did to end up here in this prison. It again hits me. Oh yeah, I remember, not so great. In fact, kinda awful, mean, and cruel. You're such an idiot!!!

I may not be able to control everything that happens to me however I can control how I respond to what does happen to me. In my response is my power.

Run of the Mill - 1944 and Beyond, A Publication of the Mill Creek Group of Alcoholics Anonymous, Edition 75 No. 3 May/June 2018

"**'Goddamnit,'** I quietly whisper to myself. '**Maybe I do deserve this. Ok, maybe not this much time, not this form of punishment and despair, but crap, maybe I do need to still figure some things out.**' The fact is, I'm not innocent. I actually did do those things they said I did, and frankly, what a fool I was, maybe I still am. It's a tough pill to swallow, but I know I have to accept responsibility, if I ever really do want to grow as a man, as a decent person, I have to accept that I've made some pretty big and horrible mistakes. I don't believe I'm evil. I know I'm not. But the truth is, at times, I am selfish, cruel, violent.

"**'Goddamnit,'** I again sadly whisper to myself. '**Ok, God, universe, ancestors, if anyone is listening, I'm sorry. I don't want to be less than what I'm meant to be. Please, guide me, show me who I can be. Give me a clean heart, a kind heart. Please, show me...**'"

Run of the Mill - 1944 and Beyond, A Publication of the Mill Creek Group of Alcoholics Anonymous, From the President, Tim T. Mill Creek A.A. President, Edition 75 No. 3 May/June 2018

"When I am willing to do the right thing, I am rewarded with an inner peace no amount of liquor could ever provide. When I am unwilling to do the right thing, I become restless, irritable, and discontent. It is always my choice."

Alcoholics Anonymous World Services, Inc. Copyright © 2001. Alcoholics Anonymous, Fourth Edition p. 317.

"Step Four means honestly documenting every mistake you've ever made. It is clearly tied to **courage**. Some of your past will be painful, and you'll likely have to face some of your biggest regrets. But living with **courage** means that you can start fresh without forgetting your past completely."

Lauroesch, Molly. FHE Health, Deerfield Beach, Florida. Copyright © 2020. Retrieved on March 22, 2020 from <https://therehab.com/learning/the-12-principles-of-aa/>.



A.A. FastStats on Alcoholism



In compiling figures from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), the National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) noted that over **23 percent** of the admissions to public treatment centers are due to alcohol abuse, the highest percentage of such admissions. Data from publicly funded rehabilitation programs revealed that the highest percentage of admissions to alcoholism treatment were those 25-29 years old, at **14.8 percent**.

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) and National Institute of Drug Abuse (NIDA). Retrieved from <https://www.alcohol.org/statistics-information/#teenagers-and-alcoholism>

According to a 2015 National Survey on Drug Use and Health, **15 million** Americans over the age of 18 were living with an alcohol use disorder (AUD) and only **6.7 percent** of this number received the treatment they needed to heal.

6.7%

5.2% About **623,000** youth between the ages of 12-18 were living with an alcohol use disorder (AUD) yet only about **5.2 percent** of this number sought treatment.

National Survey on Drug Use and Health. Retrieved from <https://www.alcohol.org/statistics-information/#teenagers-and-alcoholism>.

According to the Centers of Disease Control (CDC), an average of **6 people** die of alcohol poisoning each day in the U.S. **76 percent** of these deaths are among adults ages 35-64. 75 percent of these deaths are men.

6 Deaths per Day

Centers of Disease Control (CDC). Retrieved from <https://www.cdc.gov/vitalsigns/alcohol-poisoning-deaths/index.html>



I'm Just Not Ready Yet

By Rich R.

Who can absolutely describe the dynamics of alcoholic thinking? No one can. Alcoholic drinking is as diverse as the number of alcoholics in the world. So, how can anyone have the definite answers and solutions to any of the multitude of difficulties that we face? We do find some different ideas of how to address these so called problems, and that gives us a start towards reducing the effects which those problems have on us until they no longer interfere with the tranquility of our state of mind. If we are diligent about it, we will eventually find a place of acceptance which is hard to describe.

I was in the U.S. Navy when I entered Alcoholics Anonymous in the late 1960s. I was desperate enough to seek out A.A. for myself with no coercion from the outside world. So, I've never had a problem with Step One, and I honestly have never wanted a drink from that very first day, which brings me to the rest of the steps. I hear stories all the time about people with long term sobriety who have relapsed, and that seems to contradict the first sentence in Chapter Five in the Big Book which reads, "Rarely have we seen a person fail who has thoroughly followed our path." In fact, I've heard it said that the cofounders wanted to change the word "Rarely" to "Never."

One of the reasons that I see why some Old Timers decide to drink again after long term sobriety may be the half measures approach to Steps Four and Five. This is not to criticize them for being unable to take that risk at the time, for we know how difficult it is to overcome the fear, shame, and embarrassment of our past behaviors. These feelings are intense for many people. They are also



symptoms of the disease of alcoholism. The one thing I know for sure is that no one can judge another for not being able to bring them to a close too quickly or too slowly.

My first attempt at Step Four happened right before my one year anniversary. I was doing the best I could, at the time, based on my shallow understanding of the Twelve-Step process. I then received orders to be shipped out to the Western Pacific, so I folded up my composition book containing my fourth step and stowed it away. I spent most of those four months at sea on an oil tanker absent of any A.A. meetings, and I had a lot of time to think about what I was going to do when I got back.

When I did arrive home I unpacked that composition book and started to read what I had written as a fourth step. I promptly became aware of how shallow my thinking had been at the time I wrote it. I destroyed all the dribble that I had written and started over again. I went on to revisit all "those tormenting ghosts of yesterday" in a somewhat fearless and thorough way. I believe that doing it this way is the cornerstone of all the rest of the steps. In time I was able to address all the rest of the steps with all the courage and thoroughness I was able to muster. The results were an unshakable framework for life. If, however, I wasn't strong enough to revisit that step after four months and would have gone ahead with the original fourth step prior to my flying out to the far east, I may have convinced myself that I had done it. I would have gone on with a halfhearted effort which would have amounted to a facade that could have lead me to be satisfied with "just not picking up today."

The only way that I can see to bridge the difference between the half measures approach and the fearless and thorough approach is to be honest with myself about being in fear concerning the things that I'm not willing to disclose in Steps Four and Five. Denying these things slams the door on the rest of the program. Admitting that they exist would leave the door open to getting back to it when you have a little more A.A. under your belt. If, on the other hand, you attempt to slip by with the half measures approach, you may not ever want to admit to them later and that would be tragic. They could end in a relapse after some serious years of sobriety. Some of these things take time, and we should not be made to rush into them at the expense of **self-honesty**. The simple term, "I KNOW I MUST, BUT I'M JUST NOT READY YET," is an accurate maxim. These things will not go away by themselves. However, one day you may run across someone that you feel you could trust with your life and be willing to take the risk. This is an honest approach that no one, who counts, will ever fault you for. It's very important to keep it clean.

As William Shakespeare wrote in Act 1, Scene III of the legendary play, *Hamlet*, Polonius says, "*THIS ABOVE ALL: TO THINE OWN SELF BE TRUE, AND IT MUST FOLLOW, AS THE NIGHT THE DAY, THOU CANST NOT THEN BE FALSE TO ANY MAN.*"

"If the Fourth Step is the exploration of an abandoned house, I have come to think of the Fifth Step as raising the blinds and throwing open the windows. The house has air and sunlight now, and it's no longer haunted. When people come to the door, I can welcome them without shame, and I can even invite them in. Some rooms are private of course, but none are secret, and I live in all of them."

New York, New York, May 1999, "Sunlight and Air," *Spiritual Awakenings*.

"There is no person walking the face of the earth who demonstrates more courage, integrity, honesty, and integrity on a daily basis than an alcoholic in recovery after completing the Twelve Steps of Alcoholics Anonymous."

Unknown



From the Chairperson of the 45th Annual Rogue Roundup

This past year has been challenging for everyone, but we are excited and honored to present the 45th Annual Rogue Roundup and the first on ZOOM!

“Relieve Me of the Bondage of Self” has been a constant mantra throughout the year, but we continue to grow, stay sober and somewhat sane through the process. We are now exploring this innovative way to fulfill the Roundup mission. The mission of the Rogue Roundup is to continue to provide a place where alcoholics and their families can come together for meetings, to listen to speakers, have fun, and carry the message to alcoholics who still suffer.



The ZOOM technology was no doubt, the furthest thing in the minds of the founders of our Roundup some 46 years ago, but they would be proud of our efforts to carry the message in spite of everything. They must have had the same fear of the unknown outcomes, learned the same lessons of patience and tolerance, had the same gratitude for the help and dedication of the fellowship and uttered the same prayers that we have in organizing the 2021 Roundup.



So, please join us on the traditional Roundup weekend, May 7 – 9, 2021. We are looking forward to hosting many of the same speakers who were originally scheduled for last year.

Details for the ZOOM meetings as well as links for merchandise, schedules, and memories from past Roundups can be found at www.rogueroundup.com.

We'll see you all soon ... on ZOOM.



Past Rogue Roundups



A.A. Grapevine® Quotes of the Day

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GRAPEVINE® Daily Quote



A.A. Fun & Humor



Just a little humor to lighten the moment. Send your A.A.-related favorites to aajacksoncounty@gmail.com.



Did you hear that the City of Medford decided to ban alcoholic beverages?
Yeah, it's crazy. Jackson County Health Department started reporting 0 cases of Corona.

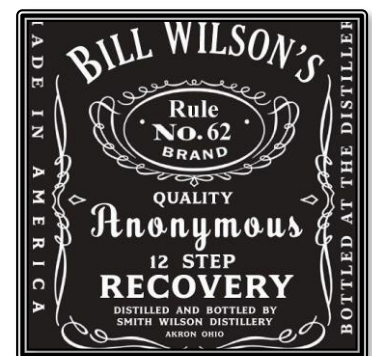
Why can't alcoholics become lawyers?
They can't pass the bar.

What would an alcoholic Harper Lee have written?
Tequila Mockingbird

How can you tell if someone Amish is an alcoholic?
They keep falling off the wagon.

I thought I might be an alcoholic, so I did some research.
It turns out the first sign of alcoholism is denial... So I guess I'm not an alcoholic.

Alcoholics don't run in my family.
They stumble around and break stuff.



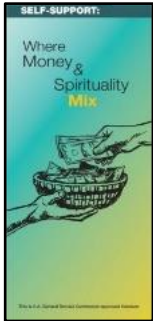
A·A· Seventh Tradition Contributions and Donations



Thank you to the A.A.'s and A.A. Groups for their contributions that support and keep Central Office open to serve our community.

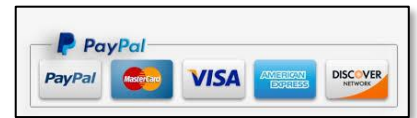
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Message from Jackson County Central Office Alcoholics Anonymous



JCCOAA deeply appreciates the contributions it receives from groups and individual A.A.s., but please know that we respectfully need your continued support during these difficult times. Please support Central Office with your Seventh Tradition contributions, so that Central Office can remain open to serve our community with A.A.'s primary purpose.

"Self-support begins with me because I am part of us – the group. We pay our rent and utility bills, buy coffee, snacks and A.A. Literature. We support our central office, our area committee, and our General Service Office. If it were not for those entities, many new people would never discover the miracles of A.A."*



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Current	Feb 16, 2020 - Mar 15, 2021		Year-To-Date (YTD)		Dec 16, 2020 - Mar 15, 2021	
A·A· Group	Current	YTD	A·A· Group	Current	YTD	
Ashland Morning Fellowship	\$0	\$200	Medford Fellowship	\$55	\$125	
Ashland Siskiyou Group	\$49	\$49	Parkside Café	\$88	\$88	
Clean and Sober Group	\$0	\$75	Ruch 703	\$0	\$50	
Eagle Point Women's A·A·	\$0	\$110	Ruch 903	\$0	\$235	
Happy, Joyous, and Free	\$0	\$100	Sunday Morning Fellowship - C	\$0	\$213	
Gold Hill Group	\$0	\$500	There is a Solution	\$120	\$120	
Just For Today	\$75	\$75	Thursday Night Book Study	\$300	\$300	

"He concluded his remarks by saying, 'Now boys, please go heavier on the hat tonight, will you?'"

"There was a place in A·A· where spirituality and money would mix, and that was in the hat!"

Alcoholics Anonymous World Services, Inc. Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions, p. 163.

The following A·A·'s donated to Central Office:				
A·A·	Donation		A·A·	Donation
Hildegard T. Anonymus	\$100	<i>Thank you!</i>	Brian P.	\$75
Tana D.	\$10		Terry K.	\$29
	\$100		Anne G.	\$50

Thank you for giving to Central Office!



A·A· Events



The following are local A.A. events that specifically include a meeting. Please visit www.jccooa.org/events.html to see all current Jackson County A.A. events including those events in nearby areas.

Monthly Traditions and Concepts Workshop

Hosted by District 16

Wednesday, April 21, 2020 @ 6:00 PM – 6:50 PM



Workshop recurs on the 3rd Wednesday of every month followed at 7:00 PM by the monthly District 16 Business Meeting.

Tackling one Tradition and one Concept per month corresponding to the month in which it is presented.

“We do need it to ensure the recovery of the alcoholic who still stumbles in the darkness one short block from this room.”

Bernard B. Smith, GSO Trustee, opening the 1954 General Service Conference, A.A. Service Manual, p. 520.

Join us **REMOTELY** from your smart device or phone

Online at ZOOM®:

<https://zoom.us/j/275208623>

Password: 01601935

By phone:

Call in: (669) 900-6833

Password: 01601935



Bill Wilson: 12 Steps and 12 Traditions Tradition One, Pg 131

Visit <https://medfordareaaa.org/event/monthly-traditions-concepts-workshop/> for information on how to access the meeting.



45th Annual Rogue Roundup 2021

Hosted by the Rogue Roundup Committee

Friday – Sunday, May 7-9, 2021

Online on Zoom® for the first time!



“Relieve Me of the Bondage of Self”

Outstanding panel of A.A. speakers from all over the U.S.



Volunteer opportunities are available:

- Security
- Co-host
- Greeters
- Secretary for Marathon Meetings, and MORE ...

Be a Part of!



Visit <http://rogueroundup.com/service-opportunities> to find out how.

Roundup Meeting information is available on www.rogueroundup.com and check often for more news and updates.



A.A. Sober Fun Events



Events listed below are not A.A. events for those attending.



Events do not include formal meetings. They are for the enjoyment and benefit of A.A.'s.



Upcoming A.A. Calendar Events



The following events are open to members who wish to be of service. If you are involved in an upcoming event, let us help you get the word out. Email us at aajcounty@yahoo.com.



District 16 Apr 21 @ 7:00PM
Business Meeting May 19 @ 7:00PM
Zoom® Meeting - Meeting ID: 275 208 623
Password: 06101935

YPAA Apr 11 @ 7:00PM
Business Meeting May 9 @ 7:00PM
Zoom® Meeting - Meeting ID: 548 800 3775
Password: None needed

JCAA Central Office Apr 3 @ 9:00AM
Business Meeting May 1 @ 9:00AM
 Jackson County A.A. Central Office
 116 E. 6th Street, Medford, OR 97501
 In-person meeting/No Zoom®

Roundup 2021 Apr 8 @ 7:30PM
Board Meeting Apr 22 @ 7:30 PM
 Monthly Board Meetings on Zoom®
Zoom® Meeting - Meeting ID: 848 4305 7377
Password: RU2021



The Latest COVID-19 Meeting Information

Due to the continued public health directives in regard to concerns with COVID-19, most A.A. groups that were meeting in-person have now ended that arrangement. However, the majority of A.A. groups continue to hold remote meetings online via the ZOOM® digital platform. Check with JCCOAA website often though because some groups are returning to in-person meetings. The Medford Fellowship meetings at the Alano Club and the Jacksonville Sunday night meeting are having in-person meetings.

Check out the District 16 website at www.medfordareaaa.org/meetings for the list of all local ZOOM® A.A. meetings. You will find each meetings' access information, such Meeting ID and Password. You can always call JCCOAA Central Office for that information at (541) 732-1850.

Please stay safe and take care of yourself

Refer to the CDC for precautions that you can take to protect yourself and others.
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/prevention.html>



A·A· Soberversaries

Jackson County A.A. Central Office recognizes those A.A. members who have a sobriety birthday this month and celebrates their milestone in recovery with the entire A.A. community.



Tell us your sobriety birthday by visiting www.jccoaa.org/newsletter.html. Complete and submit the form. The Newsletter Team will publish your sobriety birthday in the Newsletter on the month of your birthday.

NAME	DATE	YEARS	NAME	DATE	YEARS
Larry J.	April 24, 1988	33	Sunshine L.	April 7, 2013	8
Phillip M.	April 28, 1988	33	Joe V.	April 7, 2015	6
Beverly C.	April 26, 1991	30	AJ D.	April 4, 2016	5
Beth VT.	April 18, 1998	23	Nick M.	April 11, 2016	5
Jaqui C.	April 17, 2001	20	Tina B.	April 17, 2016	5
Phil W.	April 1, 2007	14	Ginger S.	April 22, 2016	5
Richard U.	April 26, 2008	13	Jeff S.	April 3, 2017	4
Lisa G.	April 2, 2012	9	Brandt S.	April 11, 2017	4
Shawna M.	April 4, 2012	9	Anthony N.	April 18, 2018	3
Dorinda T.	April 24, 2012	9	Brian M.	April 18, 2019	2



Next month, in May's edition of *On the Rogue Again*, we will cover **Step Five, Tradition Five, and World Service Concept V** plus the **Fifth Step Prayer and Principle**.

When we show the courage and **integrity** necessary to own up to our past wrongs, we demonstrate our morality. Step Five is a confession of the wrongs that we wish to make right. This strengthens our relationship with our sponsor and also helps them to assist us in outlining a plan for redemption. In this sense, Step Five lends an air of structural **integrity** to our recovery. Our plans to overcome our past become more whole. And as long as we leave nothing out and read everything on our Step Four list, Step Five demonstrates **integrity** through consistency. We only jeopardize our recovery by skirting the truth and lying during Step Five. So, don't it!

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