

Step 6: Were entirely ready to have God remove all these defects of character.

Tradition 6 (Short Form): An A.A. group ought never endorse, finance, or lend the A.A. name to any related facility or outside enterprise, lest problems of money, property, and prestige divert us from our primary purpose.

Concept VI: On behalf of A.A. as a whole, our General Service Conference has the principal responsibility for the maintenance of our world services, and it traditionally has the final decision respecting large matters of general policy and finance. But the Conference also recognizes that the chief initiative and the active responsibility in most of these matters should be exercised primarily by the Trustee members of the Conference when they act among themselves as the General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous.

June Events Calendar:

available on JCOAA.ORG in greater detail

Saturday, June 1st:

9 am: JCOAA - Steering committee meeting
116 E. 6th street, Medford

6 pm: Potluck and Fellowship
Hosted by "Saturday Night Live"
First Presbyterian Church
121 W 2nd Street, Phoenix

Sunday, June 2nd:

5-7 pm: Bingo Nite Hosted by
The Alano Club
1921 Elm Avenue, Medford
Games/Prizes/Raffle

Tuesday, June 5th:

7-8 pm: Back to Basics Step workshop (1 of 4)
Over 4 weeks we will work all 12 steps as was done in Back To Basics meeting since the 40's
Church of the Nazarene Life Path
1481 S Columbus Ave, Medford

Saturday, June 8th:

7-9 pm: A.A. Bingo Fundraiser Hosted by
Hi-Lo Club in Grants Pass
Prizes awarded - Proceeds benefit Hi-Lo Club
668 Lincoln Rd. Grants Pass

Sunday, June 9th:

2 pm: SORYPAA Business Meeting
(Southern Oregon Region of Young
People in AA) Positions Available
456 W Pine St, Central Point

Tuesday, June 11th:

7-8 pm: Back to Basics Step workshop (2 of 4)
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Wednesday, June 12th:

6 pm: District 16 Monthly General Service Meeting - Via Zoom or by Phone
More details at JCCOAA.Org/events

Saturday, June 15th:

8:30-11 am: - 12 Step Scramble hosted by Ashland Young People
Speaker Meeting and Breakfast potluck, bring a side No cost for this event
St. Vincent de Paul
2424 N Pacific Hwy, Medford

Tuesday, June 18th:

7-8 pm: Back to Basics Step workshop (3 of 4)
Over 4 weeks we will work all 12 steps as was done in Back To Basics meeting since the 40's
Church of the Nazarene Life Path
1481 S Columbus Ave, Medford

Thursday, June 20th - Monday June 24th

All 12 Steppers Women's Campout
Apserkaha Campground,
11545 Howard Prairie Dam Rd, Ashland
\$25 per Night

Pacific Northwest Conference

Red Lion Hotel
1225 N Wenatchee Ave, Wenatchee, WA 98801,

Tuesday, June 25th:

7-8 pm: Back to Basics Step workshop (4 of 4)
Over 4 weeks we will work all 12 steps as was done in Back To Basics meeting since the 40's
Church of the Nazarene Life Path
1481 S Columbus Ave, Medford

Wednesday, June 26th:

11:30 am - 1:00 pm: Women's A.A. Potluck Fellowship - hosted by Keepin' It Simple
First United Methodist Church
607 W Main St, Medford

Friday, June 28th:

7:00 pm: Birthday Night - hosted by No Name Group
June 28, 2024 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm
The First Presbyterian Church
456 W Pine Street, Central Point.

Saturday, June 29th:

9:45 am - 2:30 pm:
Southern Oregon Women in Recovery Brunch
Wear your Sunday best. Fun, Fancy and Creative
Hats encouraged. - \$35.00 per person
Josephine County Fairgrounds
1451 Fairgrounds Rd, Grants Pass

10-11:00 am: Hospitals Workshop - Carrying the AA Message into Hospitals
Hosted by Area 58 & District 21
Hill St Church - 1805 Hill St, Albany, OR
On Zoom:
863 0456 8177
Password: HOSPITALS

Sunday, June 30th:

11:30 am - 12:30 pm: All 12-steppers Women's Camp Out Planning Meeting
Zoom Meeting ID : 860 7286 8040
Password : recovery
No Cost to attend
Service commitments available

"Terminally Unique Me"

by Zac W

One of the many important truths that Recovery asks me to digest is that, left up only to me, no outcome is good enough. If it is only my ego versus the world, I am not content when things seem to go my way because things can never be good enough for my wrong-sized, grandiose pride. And when things seem to be somehow "against" me I fall into catastrophic thoughts that do not match the actual circumstances. This is a major reason why I drank to oblivion everyday for over twenty years. Who wouldn't want some temporary escape from a life that always feels like an enemy, from skin that always feels like it needs escaping, from an ego that promises to protect me but always punishes me with dissatisfaction instead? Thankfully, the principles of Recovery (when practiced in all my affairs) allow me the solution to an ego that convinces me that what I want is more important and unique than any other person alive – a belief that is as deadly to an alcoholic as the first drink.

The solution offered is the feeding of a new spirit with the nourishment of service to others. When I was actively in the disease of alcoholism, I only thought of others as objects to use in service of my ever-changing desires. My ability to be of help to those around me was suffocated by my selfishness and pride. It is so interesting that our word spirit comes from the Greek word for breath because when I was drinking, not only was my brain being physically suffocated, but my capacity to care for others was choked out as well. The Big Book promises, however, that a life lived in Recovery offers fresh air and a new access to usefulness: "We pocket our pride and go to it, illuminating every twist of character, every dark cranny of the past. Once we have taken this step, withholding nothing, we are delighted. We can look the world in the eye. We can be alone at perfect peace and ease. Our fears fall from us. We begin to feel the nearness of our Creator. We may have had certain spiritual beliefs, but now we begin to have a spiritual experience" (75). And a few pages later we are reminded that all these promises come to fruition if we do our part in an active, tangible manner: "The spiritual life is not a theory. We have to live it" (83).

We no longer need to live life as if we are holding our breath all of the time, blue in the face and ready to burst. We are now able to accept life on life's terms and breathe a little easier because we have the tools to be honest with ourselves and others, to make amends when needed and to resolutely make ourselves of service to others. If we are willing to follow these steps and practice the principles of honest acceptance, humility and service in all of our affairs, then we will experience the new life the program of AA promises us, promises that are real and lived out among us, promises that are available to all who are willing to humbly and patiently work for them. Are these extravagant promises? We think not!

