

Step 7: Humbly asked him to remove our shortcomings.

Tradition 7 (long form): The A.A. groups themselves ought to be fully supported by the voluntary contributions of their own members. We think that each group should soon achieve this ideal; that any public solicitation of funds using the name of Alcoholics Anonymous is highly dangerous, whether by groups, clubs, hospitals, or other outside agencies; that acceptance of large gifts from any source, or of contributions carrying any obligation whatever, is unwise. Then too, we view with much concern those A.A. treasuries which continue, beyond prudent reserves, to accumulate funds for no stated A.A. purpose. Experience has often warned us that nothing can so surely destroy our spiritual heritage as futile disputes over property, money, and authority.

Concept VII: The Conference recognizes that the Charter and the Bylaws of the General Service Board are legal instruments: that the Trustees are thereby fully empowered to manage and conduct all of the world service affairs of Alcoholics Anonymous. It is further understood that the Conference Charter itself is not a legal document: that it relies instead upon the force of tradition and the power of the A.A. purpose for its final effectiveness.

July Events Calendar:

available on JCOAA.ORG in greater detail

Tuesday, July 2nd:

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

Thursday, July 4th:

10:00 am - 4 pm: Fellowship Appreciation Day
(District 7)
Annual BBQ & Pot-Luck
Tom Pierce Park - Shelters 1 & 2
AA & Alanon Speakers
Burgers n Hot Dogs provided

Saturday, July 6th:

9 am: JCCOAA - 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, July 7th:

12 -2 pm: BBQ Potluck hosted by

How It Works

50/50 Raffle

Cantrall Buckley Park Site A

Parking \$4

Bring a side dish or dessert, if you can

5-7 pm: Bingo Nite - Hosted by

The Alano Club

1921 Elm Avenue, Medford

Games/Prizes/Raffle

Tuesday, July 9th:

7-8 pm: Back to Basics Step workshop (2 of 4)

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done in Back To Basics meeting since the 40's

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Wednesday, July 10th:

6 pm: District 16 Monthly General Service

Meeting - Via Zoom or by Phone

More details at JCCOAA.Org/events

Saturday, July 13th:

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, July 14th:

2 pm: SORYPAA Business Meeting

(Southern Oregon Region of Young

People in AA) Positions Available

456 W Pine St, Central Point

Tuesday, July 16th:

7-8 pm: Back to Basics Step workshop (3 of 4)

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Tuesday, July 23rd:

7-8 pm: Back to Basics Step workshop (4 of 4)

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Friday, July 26th:

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.

Sunday, July 28th

11:30 am to 12:30 pm: All 12-steppers Women's

Camp Out Planning Meeting - Via Zoom

Meeting ID : 860 7286 8040

Password : recovery

Wednesday, July 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

"Time Is On Our Side"

by Zac W

Was your experience in addiction anything like mine? Did it feel like you were the white rabbit in Alice in Wonderland, always late for a very important date or missing some answer just out of reach? During the 26 years I experienced life run by alcohol, ego-delusion and anger I always felt like time was running out in one way or another. I felt like I was late, wrong, misunderstood, left out, betrayed and not invited to some kind of "life party" that many others seemed to be enjoying. Time always felt like it was up for me, and this made it easy for me to act out, cause trouble and make my misery deepen and worsen.

Before Recovery I believed that time was mine, that this was my life and that my life was not the "right" life in some horrible but invisible way. I felt it was all up to me to turn back time, speed up time, or escape time altogether through oblivion. Life was always a ticking clock that I wanted to jump out of, strangle or smash to smithereens. It was only my drunk and angry self shooting through the world of time as fast or as slow as I wanted, and deadly substances were the only fuel to make me go or the only brakes to make me stop.

The Big Book puts the problem we faced this way: "Most people try to live by self propulsion. Each person is like an actor who tries to run the whole show; is forever trying to arrange the lights, the ballet, the scenery and the rest of the players in his own way. If his arrangements would only stay put, if only people would do as he wished, the show would be great. Everybody, including himself, would be pleased. Life would be wonderful...What usually happens? The show doesn't come off very well. He begins to think life doesn't treat him right. He decides to exert himself more...Is he not, even in his best moments, a producer of confusion rather than harmony?" (61). Thankfully AA and the world of Recovery offers a real and effective (and timeless!) solution to the addict's problem of time: gratitude.

Recovery has taught me to understand that I did nothing to deserve life, nothing to earn even my very first breath. I did my best to run my life the way I wanted and that brought me continual and inescapable despair, pain and ruin. I did nothing to deserve the first, second and third chances at Recovery I was given. I did not earn or deserve surviving the many close calls to death that time saw me through. In short, I am so grateful today to know that this life is a gift, the desperation that came before is a gift and the chance to live one day at a time instead of all time all at once is a gift. Time is on our side, brothers and sisters, because time is not ours. Time, like all things, is the purview of something far beyond ourselves, and for that, I am grateful.

