JCCOAA Jackson Country Central Office Newsletter
January 2026

Step 1: We admitted we were powerless over alcohol — that our lives had become unmanageable.

Tradition 1 (long form): Each member of Alcoholics Anonymous is but a small part of a great whole. A.A. must continue to live or most of us will surely die. Hence our common welfare comes first. But individual welfare follows close afterward.

Concept I (the only form): Final responsibility and ultimate authority for A.A. world services should always reside in the collective conscience of our whole Fellowship.

January Events Calendar:

available on JCOAA.ORG in greater detail

Saturday, January 3rd:

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, January 4th:

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

Saturday, January 10th:

7-9pm: AA Bingo Fundraiser - hosted by Hi-Lo Club Grants Pass
Sober Bingo-Second Saturday of the Month
-Small fee to participate in Bingo, win prizes
-Proceeds benefit the Hi Lo Club (AA Clubhouse)
668 Lincoln Rd. Grants Pass

Wednesday, January 14th:

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

Sunday, January 25th:

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, January 31st:

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, January 26th:

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

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December Contributions

No Name Group $300*
Sticks With Winners $90
Ashland Siskiyou Group.....$30.85
DOTR Traditions Study group.....$36
Hole In The Wall $65
Kathleen F $82.50
***From November**

When a Real Alcoholic™ names the boat

January Birthdays

Terry C.	**32yrs**
Michelle W.	**31yrs**
Gail S.	**25yrs**
Erik T.	**22yrs**
Russ S.	**20yrs**
Erin	**17yrs**
Shawn B.	**13yrs**
Trish T.	**12yrs**
Chuck J.	**12yrs**
Judith A.	**11yrs**
Frank B.	**10yrs**
Jenny M.	**8yrs**
Nicholas J.	**8yrs**
Jonny R.	**6yrs**
Doug T.	**6yrs**
Allan W.	**5yrs**
Matthew W.	**5yrs**
Leah S.	**5yrs**
Susan G.	**5yrs**
Steve H.	**5yrs**
John W.	**5yrs**
Melissa S.	**5yrs**

On Tradition One by Bill W – A.A.Grapevine Dec 1947

"Our common welfare should come first; personal recovery depends upon A.A. unity."
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Our whole A.A. program is securely founded on the principle of humility–that is to say, perspective. Which implies, among other things, that we relate ourselves rightly to God and to our fellows; that we each see ourselves as we really are–"a small part of a great whole." Seeing our fellows thus, we shall enjoy group harmony. That is why A.A. Tradition can confidently state, "Our common welfare comes first."

"Does this mean," some will ask, "that in A.A. the individual doesn't count too much? Is he to be swallowed up, dominated by the group?"

No, it doesn't seem to work out that way. Perhaps there is no society on earth more solicitous of personal welfare, more careful to grant the individual the greatest possible liberty of belief and action. Alcoholics Anonymous has no "musts." Few A.A. groups impose penalties on anyone for non-conformity. We do suggest, but we don't discipline. Instead, compliance or non-compliance with any principle of A.A. is a matter for the conscience of the individual; he is the judge of his own conduct. Those words of old time, "Judge not", we observe most literally.

"But", some will argue, "if A.A. has no authority to govern its individual members or groups, how shall it ever be sure that the common welfare comes first? How is it possible to be governed without a government? If everyone can do as he pleases, how can you have naught but anarchy"?

The Answer seems to be that we A.A.s cannot really do as we please, though there is no constituted human authority to restrain us. Actually, our common welfare is protected by powerful safeguards. The moment any action seriously threatens the common welfare, group opinion mobilizes to remind us; our conscience begins to complain. If one persists, he may become so disturbed as to get drunk; alcohol gives him a beating. Group opinion shows him that he is off the beam, his own conscience tells him that he is dead wrong, and, if he goes too far, Barleycorn brings him real conviction. So it is we learn that in matters deeply affecting the group as a whole , "our common welfare comes first." Rebellion ceases and cooperation begins because it must; we have disciplined ourselves. Eventually, of course, we operate because we really wish to; we see that without substantial unity there can be no A.A., and without that, without A,A,, there can be little lasting recovery for anyone. We gladly set aside personal ambitions whenever these might harm A.A. we humbly confess that we are but "a small part of a great whole."

Bill W.