

Step 10: Continued to take personal inventory and when we were wrong promptly admitted it.

Tradition 10 (long form): No A.A. group or member should ever, in such a way as to implicate A.A., express any opinion on outside controversial issues—particularly those of politics, alcohol reform, or sectarian religion. The Alcoholics Anonymous groups oppose no one. Concerning such matters they can express no views whatever.

Concept X (long form): Every service responsibility should be matched by an equal service authority—the scope of such authority to be always well defined whether by tradition, by resolution, by specific job description or by appropriate charters and bylaws.

October Events Calendar:

available on JCCOAA.ORG in greater detail

Saturday, October 3rd:

9 -10:30am: Jackson County Central Office
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, October 4th:

2-5 pm: Bingo Night at MFG -
50/50 Raffle / Snacks - \$10 entry fee
1921 Elm Ave, Medford

Saturday, October 10th:

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

Wednesday, October 14th:

6 pm: District 16 Monthly General Service
St Vincent De Paul
2424 N Pacific Highway, Medford
See JCCOAA.Org/events to attend via Zoom

Saturday, October 17th:

5-8 pm Al-Anon Chili Feed
Silent Auction / 50-50 Drawing / Jewelry Sale
All AA & Al-Anon members & Families welcome
St. Vincent de Paul Society,
2424 N Pacific Hwy, Medford

Saturday, October 21st:

7:00pm: - Host Committee Planning Session
The 2027 Area 58 Assembly is coming to
Southern Oregon in September 2027!!
Come to our planning meeting to find out how to
plug in, be of service and Have fun!!!

Friday-Sunday, October 23rd-25th:

Rose City Girlstock
Womens' conference - Flyer available at JCCO
events page for more info
Holiday Inn Portland- I-5 S (Wilsonville) by
IHG, 25425 SW 95th Ave, Wilsonville, OR

Sunday, October 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, October 28th:

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, October 30th:

7:00 pm: Birthday Night - Hosted by No Name Group - 456 W Pine Street, Central Point.

Saturday, October 31st:

7:00 pm: Birthday Nite at Medford Fellowship
1921 Elm Ave, Medford

October Birthdays

Richard R.....	57
Mary E.....	53
Donna K.....	50
Brian M.....	42
Drew L.....	41
Sandy J.....	30
Torsten K.....	26
Jack A.....	19
Dawn H.....	17
Brian P.....	15
Ryan U.....	15
Sibbi E.....	13
Zach L.....	12
Tobias T.....	12
Dee D.....	11
Andrew Z.....	10
Jolene L.....	9
Roger M.....	8
Devyn F.....	8
Don D.....	8
Carlos S.....	7
Dennis J.....	7
Stacee R.....	6

“Alcoholics Anonymous has no opinion on outside issues; hence the A.A. name ought never be drawn into public controversy.”

What stood out for me about Tradition 10 is that Bill W. is writing about lessons learned from the Washingtonians. They were a group that had a large membership devoted to helping alcoholics. However, the Washingtonians were also involved with prohibition and the abolition of slavery. These issues created discord among the members which lead to the Washingtonians demise.

Since I have been in AA, I have heard people say “that is an outside issue”. Here in Utah the topic most likely is about the dominate religion in the state. I was chairing a meeting in December and I made disparaging remarks about Christmas. After my share, someone else spoke up about their belief system which made me aware that I may have offended him. What if that was a newcomer would he or she have stayed?

What about holding a meeting in a place where there are signs promoting one particular politician? What if an AA member is wearing clothing that promotes various politicians? I was having a conversation with my sponsor just before an AA meeting about politics and he suggested that we stop the discussion because he was aware that there was someone there who disagrees with his views.

I remember an incident at a spiritual retreat that I was attending. A group of us went out for ice cream. I was talking with a friend who was a democrat. He was remarking about how the President at that time was bad for the country and should be removed. Well there was someone at the table who strongly disagreed with what he was saying and abruptly got up and left the table.

The big question for me is what is an outside issue? This brings me back to AA’s Primary Purpose to help the suffering alcoholic. I believe that anything that does not help the suffering alcoholic is an outside issue. For example, a discussion of religion and politics does not help the suffering alcoholic.

~ Walter C.

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Alternate Delegate

