



## February Happenings

### Area Updates ...

District 5 needs the help of all AA members. You have the opportunity to save us from becoming a glum lot! To save us from taking ourselves too seriously! What is District 5 you might ask? We are the connection for local AA groups to have a voice and a vote in all General Service Conference activities. For us to function as an effective service body, we need your help. We need your voice and your gratitude for Alcoholics Anonymous. Does your group have a G.S.R.



(General Service Representative)? If not, is it something they might consider? Did you know that there is no requirement for AA service but a desire to be helpful? We are now offering extended periods of sobriety and an ever increasing circle of friends, all for the low-low price of your time and participation.

**Please come and join us February 9th @ 4pm at First United Methodist Church, 680 NW Bond in Bend. We meet**

**OUR INTERGROUP OFFICE**  
M-F 9:00-1:00  
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Suite 106-172  
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P O Box 7241  
Bend OR 97708

**GENERAL SERVICE BOARD**  
Grand Central Station  
P O Box 459  
New York NY  
10164-0371

**monthly on the second Sunday.** In love and service, Glenn B., Alt. DCM

**Your 7th Tradition DOLLARS are helping!**

**Grapevine:** subscriptions to Bend Public library, Deschutes County Alcohol & Drug Services and Bethlehem Inn

**PI/CPC:** recruiting new members to help distribute literature; re-contacted members involved in local media; continuing to develop contacts at public and private radio stations; connecting with Deschutes County prevention staff for local schools to receive schedules and literature -Ads in the Source weekly and Bend Bulletin with the AA hotline phone number.

**CTE:** Looking to replace panel coordinator at Pfeifer & Assoc in La Pine. It's the 1st Wednesday of the month Noon - 1pm.

Best Care in Redmond has confirmed that we are setup with Bridging the Gap, they have not received any requests so far.

The March meeting for District 5 will be on 3/16/14 instead of the 2nd Sunday of the month. -Vera F, DCM District 5

Please send correspondence to:  
[newsletter@coigaa.org](mailto:newsletter@coigaa.org) Thank you for the opportunity to serve this amazing Group Of Drunks.

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## Let's Ask Bill...

Question - How do you justify calling alcoholism an illness, and not a moral responsibility? (The Disease Concept)

Answer - Early in A.A.'s history, very natural questions arose among theologians. There was a Mr. Henry Link who had written "The Return to Religion (Macmillan Co., 1937). One day I received a call from him. He stated that he strongly objected to the A.A. position that alcoholism was an illness. This concept, he felt, removed moral responsibility from alcoholics. He had been voicing this complaint about psychiatrists in the American Mercury. And now, he stated, he was about to lambaste A.A. too. Of course, I made haste to point out that we A. A.'s did not use the concept of sickness to absolve our members from moral responsibility. On the contrary, we used the fact of fatal illness to clamp the heaviest kind of moral responsibility on to the sufferer. The further point was made that in his early days of drinking the alcoholic often was no doubt guilty of irresponsibility and gluttony. But once the time of compulsive drinking, veritable lunacy had arrived

and he couldn't very well be held accountable for his conduct. He then had a lunacy which condemned him to drink, in spite of all he could do; he had developed a bodily sensitivity to alcohol that guaranteed his final madness and death. When this state of affairs was pointed out to him, he was placed immediately under the heaviest kind of pressure to accept A.A.'s moral and spiritual program of regeneration -namely, our Twelve Steps.

Fortunately, Mr. Link was satisfied with this view of the use that we were making of the alcoholic's illness. I am glad to report that nearly all theologians who have since thought about this matter have also agreed with that early position. While it is most obvious that free will in the matter of alcohol has virtually disappeared in most cases, we A.A. 's do point out that plenty of free will is left in other areas. It certainly takes a large amount of willingness, and a great exertion of the will to accept and practice the A.A. program. It is by this very exertion of the will that the alcoholic corresponds with the grace by which his drinking obsession can be expelled. (N.C.C.A. 'Blue Book', Vol.12, 1960)


## Responsibility Statement...

**I am Responsible. When anyone, anywhere, reaches out for help, I want the hand of A.A. always to be there. And for that: I am responsible.**

It was written for the 1965 A.A. International Convention in Toronto. In an article titled, 'How I am Responsible became a part of A.A.', from the GSO newsletter, Box 4-5-9. The article identifies former AA trustee, Al S. as the author of the Responsibility Statement.

In the souvenir book for the 1965 Convention, Dr. Jack Norris writes:

"...We must remember that AA will continue strong only so long as each of us freely and happily gives it away to another person, only as each of us takes our fair share of responsibility for sponsorship of those who



Change is scary, but  
staying the same will  
keep you from becoming  
all that you are.

still suffer, for the growth and integrity of our Group, for our Intergroup activities, and for AA as a whole. It is in taking responsibility that real freedom and the enduring satisfactions of life are found. AA has given us the power to choose – to drink or not to drink – and in doing so has given us the freedom to be responsible for ourselves. As we become responsible for ourselves, we are free to be responsible for our share in AA, and unless we happily accept this responsibility we lose AA. Strange, isn't it?"

In a Grapevine article in October 1965, the Responsibility Statement is discussed, and Bill W. expresses his views:

Two major thoughts stood out in the remarks of the many speakers, alcoholic and nonalcoholic, at AA's July Toronto Convention. The first was admiration and gratitude for AA's startling success in sobering up hundreds of thousands of lost-cause drunks. The other was concern that the success which has come to AA over the thirty years since its start in Akron, Ohio in 1935 would not lead us to any complacency about the size of the job still to be done.

The theme of the Convention was:

Responsibility. "I am responsible. . .when anyone, anywhere, reaches out for help, I want the hand of AA always to be there. And for that: I am responsible."

AA's co-founder, Bill, in his talk to over 10,000 attending the major sessions of the Convention, stressed the need for cooperation with all who work on the problem of alcoholism, the more than 100 agencies in the United States and Canada alone now engaged in research, alcohol education and rehabilitation.

"Too often, we have deprecated and even derided these projects of our friends just because we do not always see eye to eye with them," Bill said. "We should very seriously ask ourselves how many alcoholics have gone on drinking simply because we have failed to cooperate in good spirit with these many agencies. No alcoholic should go mad or die merely because he did not come straight to AA in the beginning."

"The first concern of AA members should be with problem drinkers the movement is still unable to reach," Bill said. He estimated that there are 20 million alcoholics in the world today, five million in the U.S. alone. "Some cannot be reached because they are not hurt enough, others because they are hurt too much," he declared. "Many sufferers have mental and emotional complications that seem to foreclose their chances. Yet it would be conservative to estimate that at any particular time there are four million alcoholics in the world who are able, ready and willing to get well if only they knew how. When we remember that in the 30 years of AA's existence we have reached less than ten per cent of those who might have been willing to approach us, we begin to get an idea of the immensity of our task and of the responsibilities with which we will always be confronted."

There have been two Advisory Actions from the General Service Conference regarding the Declaration of Responsibility since it was introduced. In 1971, the Conference recommended that:

The Literature Committee, following the general feeling of the Conference, reaffirm both the spirit and the wording of the "I am Responsible" Declaration from the International Convention held in Toronto in 1965.

And in 1977, the Conference recommended that:

The Responsibility Declaration not be changed, as it was made at the 1965 International Convention in Toronto.



# INTERGROUP POTLUCK

## NEW LOCATION AND TIME!!

Church of Christ on 554 NW Newport Ave

AT

6:45 PM POTLUCK

7:30 Speakers

- There are some BIG CHANGES happening with the Potluck.. As a vast majority of you know, since Brooks Hall and TEC burned last year, the Potluck has been held at St. Helens hall. Which the church made available to AA.
- However as most of us know the Family Kitchen doesn't seem to be user friendly to holding the Potluck, lack of electrical plugs and noisy appliances make it difficult to often hear the speakers let alone the Coffee Pots ( very important ) stuff there. So What's the Solution??
- Well having held the Christmas Alcathon at the Newport Church of Christ. I have Made a Decision along with some prayer and Intergroup blessing to move the monthly Intergroup Potluck to the Newport Church effective Feb. 2014.. I did come across one little hitch, there is another 12 Step meeting that does not end until 6:15pm. Therefore, not only do we now have a NEW LOCATION were going to have a NEW START TIME 6:45 for the potluck and speakers from 7:30-8:30..... I know WE don't like CHANGE but be Supportive Please..
- Thank You for Letting Me be of Service to Our AA communities.
- Dave W. Potluck chairperson

## MEETING CHANGES

Friday: Redmond SOS is closed (Friday ONLY)

Sunday: Sober Desire, Enter Main Doors

## 2014 District 5 Al-Anon Spaghetti Feed

Saturday, Feb. 1

St. Thomas Catholic Church

1720 NW 19th St., Redmond

Doors open 4:30, Dinner at 5:30, Speakers at 6:30

AA: Terry L Alanon: Ashley V

Adults \$8, Couples \$15, Children under 12 \$2, Family \$20

## BIRTHDAYS for February:

### Attitude Adjustment

Curt R 2/1/11

Toni L 2/5/13

Adam P 2/24/13

### Steps to Sobriety

Richard D. 2/14/99

Tony C 2/23/07

Kirk R 2/12/12

### WFS:

DJ T 2/3/2012

Lindsey 2/5/2008

Painter2/9/2011

Please send in your groups birthday's by the fourth Sunday of the month.

[newsletter@coigaa.org](mailto:newsletter@coigaa.org)

## AA Hotline

Coverage needed: Call

To qualify you must:

- have a working telephone
- have 6 months of sobriety
- have an AA sponsor
- be working the AA steps
- be attending AA meetings regularly
- participate in a brief training

If you are willing to give back what was so freely given to you please call:

Hotline Chairman: Samantha R.

541-604-5319

Intergroup Office Manager: Joan C. at

IGR office 541-923-8199



## GO DIRECTLY TO JAIL, DO NOT PASS GO!!

If you have over two years sobriety and it's been over two years since you've been in jail & you miss it & want to go back, OR, You've never been to Jail and always wanted to go/be there, We could get you back into Jail within 10 days to a month!!



Help us bring the AA message of hope to our less fortunate brothers & sisters incarcerated in Deschutes (Bend) and Jefferson (Madras) County Jails! We need Men & Women to Volunteer for just one Tuesday night meeting a Month! Contact our new District Corrections Chair-David W. (650)218-0222 to get an application for either or both counties! It's great Service!!

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2	3	4 <b>Tues Nite AA</b> Speaker Meeting 7 pm Church of the Nazarene on 27th	5	6	7 <b>CO Speaker Mtg 7 PM</b> Speakers Environmental Center, 16 NW Kansas Bend	8
9 <b>District 5 GSR Mtg 4 PM</b> First United Methodist Church, 680 NW Bond (enter Kansas) Bend	10	11	12 <b>LaPine Potluck Speaker 6 PM</b> Park & Rec, 16405 1/2 1st St, Lapine	13	14 <b>OSYPAA Valentines Dance</b> Shilo Inn Ball Room 7 pm Meeting 8 pm Dance/Social 50/50 Raffle \$10 @ Door	15 <b>Culver-Madras Potluck Speaker 6 PM</b> Culver Christian Church, 501 W 4th Ave
16 <b>Entertainment Meeting 4 PM</b> Redmond Alano Club	17	18	19	20	21 <b>CO Speaker Mtg 7 PM</b> Speakers Environmental Center, 16 NW Kansas Bend	22 <b>INTERGROUP POTLUCK SPEAKER MEETING 6:45 Potluck 7:30 Speakers NEW LOCATION Church of Christ 544 NW Newport</b>
23 <b>IGR Advisory Bd Mtg 4:30 PM</b> <b>IGR Mtg 5:30 PM</b> St Helen's Hall, 231 NW Idaho Bend	24	25	26	27	28 <b>Central Oregon Milestoner</b> St Helen's Hall 7 PM	

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