Cascade Connection

A Newsletter for COIGAA August 2023

"Alcoholics Anonymous should remain forever nonprofessional. We define professionalism as the occupation of counseling alcoholics for fees or hire. But we may employ alcoholics where they are going to perform those services for which we might otherwise have to engage nonalcoholics. Such special services may be well recompensed. But our usual A.A. Twelfth Step work is never to be paid for."

Eighth Tradition, Long Form, 1946



"Made a list of all persons we had harmed, and became willing to make amends to them all."

~ Step 8, Alcoholics Anonymous

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Looking for Other Meetings?

Looking for a local Live or Virtual Meeting of Alcoholics Anonymous? Check out our website for meeting locations, dates, times, login info and passwords:

www.coigaa.org

Or download the Meeting Guide App





HOTLINE (541) 548-0440



Central Oregon Intergroup Office

337 W. Antler Ave., Ste B Redmond, OR 97756 (541) 923-8199 coigoffice@coigaa.org Hours: Monday 9 am—2 pm Tuesday 9 am—1 pm Wednesday 9 am—1 pm and 2:15 –6 pm Thursday 9 am - 2 pm Friday 9 am—1 pm

https://www.aa.org/meeting



12th Step Volunteers Needed

Do you live in Madras, La Pine, Sisters, Tumalo, Sunriver, Warm Springs, Prineville or are you willing to travel there?

If you are willing to join our 12th Step Volunteer list, PLEASE contact our Hotline Chairperson, Lauren S., at lds19461977@gmail.com

We also need a Hotline volunteer to cover the Monday 9am–1pm and 1pm–5pm shifts!

> **The Intergroup Needs You!** We are looking for a new Vice Chair for the Central Oregon Intergroup (2 vr. sobriety requirement)

Contact Frank or Joan at coigoffice@coigaa.org

We need a new Treasurer to assume Valorie's responsibilities ASAP!

Valorie can train the new person so please reach out to Frank if you think you might be able to support the Intergroup!



COIGAA IGR Meeting

August 27, 2023

5:30 pm at TEC and via Zoom

This is a Closed Hybrid Business Meeting ZOOM Meeting ID - 961 1009 6966 Password - 061935 Intergroup Members Welcome to Attend! Need Chips? Need AA Literature?

You can get it at the office!

Office Hours

Monday & *Thursday* 9am – 2pm

Tuesday & Friday 9am – 1pm

Wednesday

9am – 1pm &

2:15pm – 6pm

Joan is also able to bring orders to Bend if you can't make it to the office. Contact Joan at coigoffice@coigaa.org



Principle of the Month

Non-Professional

"ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS will never have a professional class. We have gained some understanding of the ancient words "Freely ye have received, freely give." We have discovered that at the point of professionalism, money and spirituality do not mix."

~Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions pg. 168

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"When we had agreed that the Twelfth Step couldn't be sold for money, we had been wise. But when we had declared that our fellowship couldn't hire service workers nor could any AA member carry out our knowledge into other fields, we were taking the counsel of fear, fear which today has been largely dispelled in the light of experience."

~Grapevine article by Bill W. on the 8th Tradition, December 1952.



EIGHTH STEP PRAYER

Higher Power, I ask Your help in making my list of all those I have harmed. I will take responsibility for my mistakes and be forgiving to others, as You are forgiving to me.Grant me the willingness to begin my restitution. This I pray.





Step Eight : "Made a list of all persons we had harmed and became willing to make amends to them all."

"Every A.A. has found that he can make little headway in this new adventure of living until he first backtracks and really makes an accurate and unsparing survey of the human wreckage he has left in his wake."

~Twelve Steps and 12 Traditions, p.77

"We have then completed *Step Seven*. Now we need more action, without which we find that 'Faith without works is dead'... We have a list of all persons we have harmed and to whom we are willing to make amends. We made it when we took inventory....Now we go out to our fellows and repair the damage done in the past. We attempt to sweep away the debris which has accumulated out of our effort to live on self-will and run the show ourselves."

~Alcoholics Anonymous, p. 76

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Presents the

August 2023 Intergroup Potluck & Speaker Meeting

Saturday August 26th 5pm - 8pm

Hosted by The Park Meeting

(meets daily at 12p, Pioneer Park in Bend)

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Trinity Episcopal Church (TEC), Brooks Hall 469 NW Wall Street Bend, Oregon (enter on corner of Wall Street, upstairs)

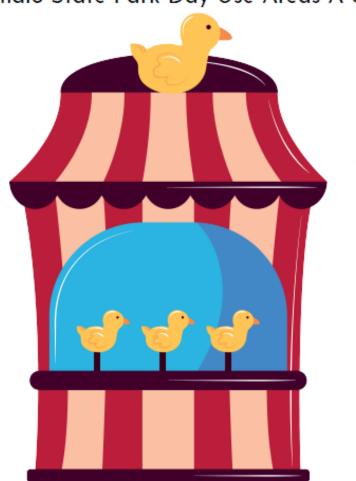
Potluck and Fellowship 5pm-7pm

AA and Al-Anon Speakers @ 7pm

All are Welcome!!

Handicap Accessible Questions or comments: COIGAA office (541) 923-8199

Labor Day September 4th Tumalo State Park Day Use Areas A & B



Step right up to our spectacular Home Group Carnival!

COIGAA Labor Day BBQ

Central Oregon Intergroup Entertainment Commitee invites ALL of Central Oregon to join in and celebrate our Home Groups! Home Groups are invited to come up with a Carnival or AA themed booth or a game to bring to the park. Show everyone what makes your home group great. Recycling and repurposing encouraged. Folding and picnic tables available to use. Potluck/BBQ starts @ noon. 50/50 raffle at 6pm. Fun all day floating, swimming, horseshoes, bocce ball, water ballons, and tons of other things to celebrate the day. AA related prizes, hamburgers and hotdogs provided by COIGAAEC Questions Email entertainment.coigaa@gmail.com Parking is \$5 or state parks parking pass New Horizons Group Of Alcoholics Anonymous



Tuesday Spk/Discussion Mtgs

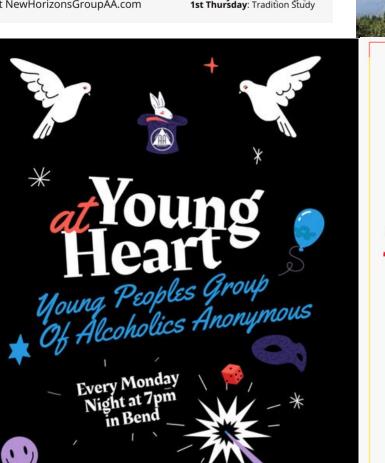
August 2023 8/1 - Lanelle D. The Spot Grp La Pine 8/8 - Michael P. The New Horizons Grp 8/15 - Stephanie W. Attitude Adjustments 8/22 - Pete B. NHG (From Madras) 8/29 - Alan J. From the Sunrise Grp.

New Horizons Group Meets **Mon-Tues-Wed-Thurs at Noon** At The Trinity Episcopal Church 469 NW Wall St, Bend, OR 97703 Visit NewHorizonsGroupAA.com Mondays: Beginners Mtg. Last Monday: Birthday Mtg. Tuesdays: Spk/Discussion Mtg Wednesdays: Big Book Study Thursdays: 11th Step Mtg. 1st Thursday: Tradition Study

Tuesdays at Noon

Speaker/Discussion

Meetings



389 SW Scalehouse Ct. Located in the Old Mill District

Steps To Sobriety Grp Presents:

What: Speaker/Discussion Mtg When: Fridays at 5:30pm Where: The Rebels Roost 703 N. Main St. Prineville Or.



Upcoming Speakers:

July 7th - Paulette L. LaPine Sober Chick's July 14th - Rachel M. Madras Oasis Grp July 21st - James P. Men from the Park July 28th- Home Group's Birthday Celebration Night! August 4th - Nick M. Young At Heart Grp August 11th - Rachel C. Fleeting Thoughts Grp August 18th - Sarah B. New Horizons Grp Aug 25th - Home Group's Birthday Celebration Night!



Speakers Davey G. & Vicki S. Tuesday Night A.A. Group

7:00p August 1st

1270 NE 27th St, Bend Or. 97701 (Around back of the Nazarene Church)



Simax Group Campout

COIGAA Entertainment Committee

Invites all Central Oregon to *Crescent Lake* for the last campout of the 2023 season.

Thursday September 14th check-in 2pm thru Sunday September 17th at 12pm

Discussion meetings Thursday and Friday at 730pm. Fellowship opportunities are endless during the day with picnic areas, a sandy beach, fishing, hiking and stunning views of the lake.

Simax group campground offers the conveniences of drinking water, showers, and flush toilets on-site! This campground has plenty of onsite tent camping. Group camp area B and C have been reserved.

There is <u>extremely limited</u> space for camp trailers. We will be taking trailer reservations online at <u>entertainment.coigaa@gmail.com</u> confirmations will be sent. If you want a trailer spot email asap.

A suggested donation of \$20 per adult for camping and coffee.

Nearby Crescent Lake Resort has a general store with supplies, equipment rentals, and other amenities. Check out their website. Limited cell services.

Not into camping? Join us at the Pavilion Saturday September 16th 6pm potluck Speaker meeting at 7pm.

Members Share

Willingness

At different meetings, I've heard and used that statement about claw marks being all over things that I've given up, which is really meant to say that I (and we) have all had a hard time letting go of (fill in the blank), hence the claw marks comment.

I think it's pretty honest and real. But, as the meditation continues, the important thing is that we did let go (and let God) and that we became willing. If I'm not willing, then I'm shutting down all the possibilities.

Willingness leads to openness which leads to Awareness which leads to Understanding which leads to Compassion which leads to Non-judgment which leads to Acceptance which leads to Forgiveness which leads to Peace which leads to Loving-kindness which leads to Gratitude which leads to Humility which leads to a sense of Oneness and Unity with Spirit and all of creation. And it's Willingness that opens the door.

I pray that I become and remain willing to go where the Spirit leads me and do what it takes.

-Ward S.



"I'm here because I drink like a fish!"

"I used to drink over feelings. Now, I share them with others. I get to see miracles happen quite often. When I first came in, all the slogans on the walls were just words; now, I live them. God is doing for me what I couldn't do for myself— not pick up the first drink." ~ Dave K.

We Are Not A Glum Lot



Seen on the wall in the TEC Meeting Room



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District 5 A.A. Website // <u>district5aa.org</u> Local events calendar // <u>http://district5aa.org/calendar</u>

July 2023 District 5 report to COIG

District 5 has some upcoming events we would like to invite the intergroup committee chairs to attend and set up a table and/or make an announcement for your committee at. The Intergroup Entertainment committee and the Potluck chair has been very inviting and welcoming to the District Committee Chairs to come set up tables, and make District announcements. We appreciate that very much! Intergroup committee Chairs, please let me know if any of you would like for us to have a table reserved or set up for your committees at the following events:

- Central Oregon A.A. "Day Of Unity" and Home Group Workshop Event - Saturday August 5th from 11-2 upstairs in Brooks Hall. This Event will be a potluck. Round table breakout groups to exchange ideas and sharing amongst members from different groups, and will have a talent show for fun!
- GSR Taco Bar! Will be right in time for groups to start thinking about rotation and electing their next General Service Representative. We will have a Powerpoint GSR Orientation explaining what General Service is as an opportunity to inspire those to stand for a GSR or Alt GSR position at their home group. We will also have a Taco Bar, and for fun playing "Lotaria" (Mexican bingo) Click here to get flier September 9th from 2pm to 5pm in Brooks Hall

If your Home Group is due for a group inventory, or would like to request a workshop of any kind, or a presentation from any of our committee chairs, please contact me for any services we may provide. Your district is here to serve YOU! For more information visit us at **District5AA.org**

Yours in Fellowship & Service, District 5 DCM <u>http://district5aa.org/</u> Carrie B. 541-788-7276

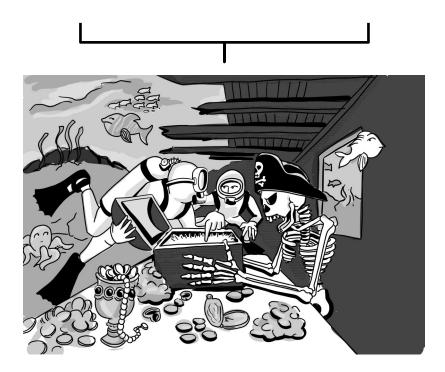




Heard at a meeting

"Not going to meetings is a misdemeanor. The more of them I miss, the meaner I get."

~Richard M., Golden, Colo.



"It appears to be resentments he wouldn't let go of."

~lan G. reprinted from August 2023 Grapevine



4 Area DCM Sharing Session

"Our Great Responsibility" The Future of AA



I am willing to give a presentation on the following topic:

Accommodations-Special Needs?

Raturn registration form and check to: BTGWW, 2107 Watson Ave St. Paul MN 55116 Any questions contact Laura 5. at (612) 305-8385 or email coordinator@btoww.org



Join us for a weekend journey through the 12 Steps of Alcoholics Anonymous: Bringing women together through love, laughter and service. "...vast amount of fun..." Page 16, Alcoholics Anonymous SPEAKERS Rebecca B. (Arlington, WA) Lyndy M. (Beaverton, OR) Rebecca D-S. (Portland, OR) Alison R. (Alcha, OR) TBD

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SATURDAY NIGHT ICE CREAM SOCIAL/ PAJAMA PARTY/GAME NIGHT FREE TO ALL IN-PERSON REGISTRANTS

October 6th – 8th, 2023 Holiday Inn Portland South (HIPS) 25425 SW 95th Ave., Wilsonville, OR 97070 503-682-2211

Book your room from our website or call the hotel directly and let them know you're with Rose City Girlstock (ONLINE CODE RCG). Go to www.rosecitygirlstock.com for

online and hotel registration! \$122: Special Room Rates for the HIPS (per night plus tax) for single or double beds. Offer expires September 25, 2023 \$75: In-Person Registration Only/\$85 (On October 1) \$145: In-Person Registration + Meals/ \$155 (On October 1)

October: J (Meals include Saturday Night Dinner, Sunday Morning Breakfast) Vegetarian and Vegan Options will be provided \$30: Online Registration / \$40 (On October 1) All prices above do not include processing fees REGISTRATION DEADLINE: Mail in registrations //22/23

Registration Objective: Wai in registration 372 Registration Chair: Amber G.; Co-Chair: Jamie L Email: rosecitygirlstock@gmail.com RCGS Chair: Dylan C.: 818-679-4764 RCGS Co-Chair: Amy S.: 971-205-0546

RCGS Co-Chair: Amy 5.: 971-205-0546 RCGS Mailing Address: 12890 SW Hackamore Court Beaverton, OR 97008

Rose City Girlstock is a paid event which is self-supporting through your registrations. You must be registered to attend. No Seventh Tradition baskets are passed at any time during the event. NO REFUNDS WILL BE ISSUED

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Three Rivers BigBook Weekend IV

Eastern Washington's Woodstock of AA

September 22nd—24th 2023 At the Riverfront Hotel & Convention Center 50 Comstock Street, Richland, Washington 99352



Get registration costs and Information at http://www.threeriversbigbookweekend.org

"WHERE THE RIVERS MEET"

Good Food, Great Speakers, Focus on BigBook and Recovery Topics, Affordable Venue, Great Location on the Columbia River.





Visit our website at AA-Summerfest.org to register. Please note that registration is online this year! In person registration will be available on-site at the event. Watch our website and Facebook page for updates. ESTACADA LAKE MILO MCIVER STATE PARK PUT IN FLOATY, SUP, KAYAK, ETC

Kim O. (808) 373-0900 Layla I. (503) 290-8115 **\$5 state park entry fee** DISTRICT 24

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JOEY M. 541-999-7402 MICHAEL R. 918-633-8062

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Save the Date Al-Anon Information Service (AIS) Annual FUNdraiser

Date: October 28th 2023 Time: 5:30pm - 8:30pm Where: Rise Church, 10445 SW Canterbury Ln, Tigard 97224



SPEAKERS! POTLUCK! SILENT & ORAL AUCTIONS! FELLOWSHIP! FUN!



Mark your calendar, tell a friend!

This event is for Al-Anon and Alateen Members and their families with Al-Anon, Alateen and AA participation Sponsored by the Portland AIS Service Committee All proceeds will go to Portland Al-Anon Information Service Contact the AIS office for more details: ais@al-anonportlandoregon.org (503) 297-3551 www.al-anonportlandoregon.org

11th Annual OAC

Save The Dates

August 4th, 5th, 6th, 2023



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Conference

To Be Held At: Molalla Retreat Center 36208 S Molalla Forest Rd Molalla, OR 97038

Contact: OregonAlateenConference@gmail.com

November 2023 Al-Anon Assembly Service is Gratitude in Action

In-person with an electronic component (hybrid) Members of Al-Anon and Alateen are Invited to attend Only GRs have voting privileges



Saturday November 18, 2023 8:30 am - 5:00 pm Sunday November 19, 2023 8:30 am - 12 noon

In-Person Information: DoubleTree Hotel by Hilton 9575 SW Locust St. Tigard OR 97223

Hybrid information: Zoom ID: 815 0143 3332 Passcode: Concept4

Friday Night Sharing Meeting Information: Meeting Lintormation: Hosted by Just for MeAFG In-person only 7:30-8:30 pm Living Savior Lutheran Church* 8740 SW Sagert St Tualatin OR 97062 *Meeting room 205. Go in main Doors; use stairs or elevator.

Rooms at the hotel will be \$99.00 per night when you let them know you are attending the Al-Anon Assembly. Call (503) 624- 9000 for reservations

Other Assembly Information

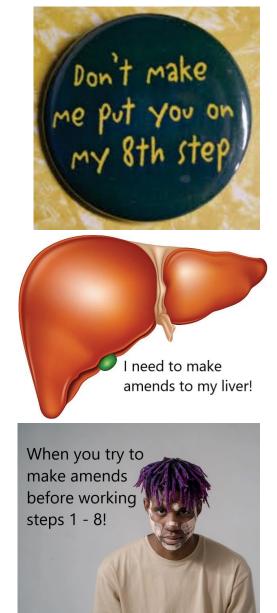
- There is a \$10 voluntary group
- registration fee.
 Coffee, tea, water and light refreshments will be available both mornings.
 All proceeds support Oregon Area Al-Anon.
- Questions? Contact District 10 DR Gayle: District-10@oregonal-anon.or

AA Humor

Where's the bar?

A drunk walks into a bar... ...and then a table...and then a chair...and then a jukebox... ~David S., Chesapeake, VA

August 2023 Grapevine



"I'm Sorry You're Such an A\$*hole!" Is Not an Amends!







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Intergroup Meetings take place the fourth Sunday of each month at 5:30 PM, except in Nov. and Dec. when they meet on the third Sunday. Held both live at TEC (Trinity Episcopal Church) and as a Hybrid Zoom Meeting as well.

469 NW Wall Street, Bend.

Observers are welcome to attend too!

Contact secretary@coigaa.org for log on information