

HOTLINE (541) 548-0440



Redmond Central
Office is Temporarily
Closed

See next page for more information and how to order literature and coins in the interim.

Cascade Connection

A Newsletter for COIGAA

July 2024

"Humbly asked Him to remove our shortcomings."

Step 7 of Alcoholics Anonymous

"We have emphasized willingness as being indispensable. Are we now ready to let God remove from us all the things which we have admitted are objectionable? Can He now take them all—every one? If we cling to something we will not let go, we ask God to help us to be willing."

~Alcoholics Anonymous p. 76

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."

~ Alcoholics Anonymous, p 564.

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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

https://www.aa.org/ meeting-guide-app



REDMOND CENTRAL OFFICE IS TEMPORARILY CLOSED

The *Intergroup* is still 100% functioning and the office closure does not affect the Hotline, Schedules, Entertainment, Newsletter, Potluck Speaker meeting, or the Website in any way. Intergroup Services and Service committees will continue to function as usual. Including the COIG business meetings. If you have any questions, concerns or requests regarding any intergroup function, as usual, please contact the chair of that committee. If you have a question regarding the Office, as usual, please contact:

- The Office Liaison at <u>lleaduran@gmail.com</u> or
- The Chair of the Board at <u>Masinbend@gmail.com</u>

To Order Literature On-line:

AAWS Conference Approved Literature:

Click here to order: https://onlineliterature.aa.org/

Grapevine:

https://www.aagrapevine.org/store/language-heart-hard-cover

Non A.A. Misc. such as Coins and bumper stickers: Any number of vendor's online. Such as:

- Recovery World,
- Pass It On Shop
- The Token Shop

https://onlineliterature.aa.org/

https://www.aagrapevine.org/store/

https://www.recovery-world.com/AA-coins.php

https://www.passitonrecoveryshop.com/anniversary-aa-bronze-affirmation-coins.html

https://www.thetokenshop.com/



Hotline Volunteers Needed

If you have an interest in joining our Hotline, or sign up as a 12th Step Volunteer, PLEASE contact our Hotline Chairperson, Frank W.,

at stuckrecovery@gmail.com

Remember, our primary purpose is to help the alcoholic who still suffers.

The Next COIGAA IGR Meeting
Will be on July 28th, 2024
At 5:00 pm
at TEC, Trinity Episcopal Church

AA 12 Steps Principle of the Month

Humility

Websters Dictionary definition: Humility - (n.) freedom from pride or arrogance: the quality or state of being humble.

"Indeed, the attainment of greater humility is the foundation principle of each of A.A.'s Twelve Steps. For without some degree of humility, no alcoholic can stay sober at all...Without it, they cannot live to much useful purpose, or, in adversity, be able to summon the faith that can meet any emergency."

~ Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions, pg. 70

"Where humility had formerly stood for a forced feeding on humble pie, it now begins to mean the nourishing ingredient which can give us serenity. ." ~Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions, pg. 74

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Happy Birthday, John S.! 40 years (7/23/84)

Happy Birthday, Linda T.! 25 years (7/8/99)

Happy Birthday, Amy P.! 17 years (7/5/07)

Happy Birthday, Chandra! 10 years (7/6/14)





Will D.—Interim Treasurer
Tyler—Interim IT Committee Chair

Thank you for your service!

AA Concepts Principle of the Month



Balance

Concept 7—Short Form
"The Charter and Bylaws of the
General Service Board are legal
instruments, empowering the
trustees to manage and conduct
world service affairs. The
Conference Charter is not a legal
document; it relies upon tradition
and the A.A. purse for its final
effectiveness."

"This Concept attempts to clarify the relationship and 'balance of powers' between the Conference and the General Service Board.

'This....may look like the

collision of an irresistible force with an immovable object' On the one hand, 'the board is invested with complete legal power over A.A.'s funds and services; on the other hand the Conference is clothed with such great influence and financial power it could overcome the legal rights of the board."

Reprinted from The 12 Concepts For World Services, Illustrated



SUNDAYS 6:30PM

Beginning Sunday, July 7, 2024

Powell Butte Christian Church
13720 Hwy 126 (across from The Country Store)

OPEN MEETING BIG BOOK & LIVING SOBER STUDY

CONTACT JENSINE P. (541) 480-8639

Exciting news - a small group of AAs in Powell Butte are starting a meeting in July!

- Sundays 6:30PM 7:30PM
- Starting Sunday, July 7th, 2024
- Powell Butte Christian Church (on Hwy 126 across from the Country Store) in the Fellowship Hall
- Big Book Study except the last Sunday of the month when we'll read from Living Sober
- Open Meeting

New Horizons Group Of Alcoholics Anonymous



Tuesdays at Noon Speaker/Discussion Meetings

Spk/Discussion Mtgs

<u>July 2024</u>

Tuesday 7/2 - Jeff E. NHG

Thurs 7/4 - Tradition 7 Presentation W/Q&A

Tuesday 7/9 - Walt W. Attitude Adjustments Grp.

Tuesday 7/16 - Frank W. Attitude Adjustments Grp.

Tuesday 7/23 - Joel S. M2M Grp. Portland Or.

Tuesday 7/30 - Jona D. MNM Grp. Dusseldorf Germany

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: Steps 10,11 &12





My Creator, I am now willing that You should have all of me, good and bad. I pray that You now remove from me every single defect of character which stands in the way of my usefulness to You and my fellows. Grant me strength, as I go out from here to do Your bidding.





Step Seven: "Humbly asked Him to remove our shortcomings.."

"We ought to be willing to try humility in seeking the removal of our other shortcomings, just as we did when we admitted that we were powerless over alcohol, and came to believe that a Power greater than ourselves could restore us to sanity. If humility could enable us to find the grace by which the deadly alcohol obsession could be banished, then there must be hope of the same result respecting any other problem we can possibly have."

Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions, pg. 76

"'Absolute humility would consist of a state of complete freedom from myself, freedom from all the claims that my defects of character now lay so heavily upon me. Perfect humility would be a full willingness in all times and places, to find and to do the will of God.' When I meditate upon such a vision, I need not be dismayed because I shall never attain it, nor need I swell with presumption that one of these days its virtues shall all be mine. I only need to dwell on the vision itself, letting it grow and ever more fill my heart. This done, I can compare it with my last-taken personal inventory. Then I get a sane and healthy idea of where I stand on the highway of humility. I see that my journey toward God has scarce begun. As I thus get down to my right size and stature, my self-concern and importance become amusing."

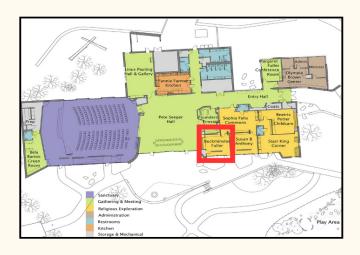
As Bill Sees It, pg. 106

SUNDAYS @ 7PM

QUEER
QUECOVERY
RECOVERY
LGBTQIA+

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST FELLOWSHIP OF CENTRAL OREGON

61980 Skyline Ranch Road Bend, Oregon



Located in the Buckminster Fuller room side entrance facing outdoor play area

More info: **347.668.1962**

COIGAA

(Central Oregon Intergroup of Alcoholics Anonymous)
www.coigaa.org

Presents the

July 2024
Intergroup Potluck & Speaker Meeting
Saturday July 27th
4pm - 8pm

Hosted by

Madras Madness Group

Round Butte Overlook Park SW Riverview Rd. Madras, Oregon

Potluck and Fellowship 4pm-7pm Al-Anon & AA Speakers @ 7pm

Picnic, BBQ, Games, Fun All are Welcome!! Friends and Family!!

Suggested \$5 contribution to cover expenses

Sorry No Dogs

Handicap Accessible

To volunteer or questions contact:
Alan S. @ coig.potluck@yahoo.com or (541) 647-9174

COMMITTEE

COIGAA ENTERTAINMENT COMMITEE

INVITES ALL OF CENTRAL OREGON TO

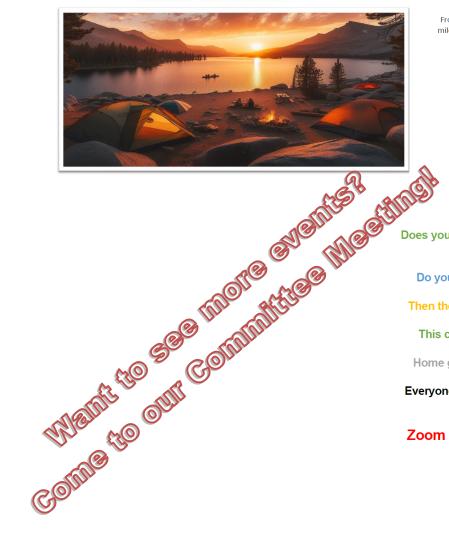
BROKEN ARROW CAMPGROUND AT DIAMOND LAKE

AUGUST 1ST THRU AUGUST 4TH 2024

Come make new memories with friends and family. Our group M1 campsite has a grill, picnic tables, and fire pits. Set back from the shore in lodgepole forest, at the south end of Diamond Lake, this picturesque spot boasts views of both Mount Bailey and Mount Thielsen. Campground and boat ramp offer the opportunity to fish, swim, and boat. Bicyclists will enjoy riding on the 11-mile paved trail around the lake, while hikers can head out for the day on one of many trails leaving the area.

AA meetings at 7:30 each night with a speaker meeting on Saturday. Potluck on Saturday night at 6pm at Check-in @ 2pm Thursday and Check-out 1pm Sunday

\$15 contribution per ADULT to cover the cost of camping for the weekend. Kids are free. Scholarships available, please email requests to entertainment.coigaa@gmail.com for more information. From HWY 97 take right onto OR-138 / E Diamond Lake Hwy 22.0 miles. Turn left onto Diamond Lake Loop. Keep straight to NFD Road 050. Turn right onto NFD Road 4795. 4.8 miles Broken Arrow Campground





Simax Group Campout

COIGAA Entertainment Committee

Invites all Central Oregon to *Crescent Lake* for the last campout of the 2024 season.

Thursday September 19th check-in 2pm thru Sunday September 22th at 12pm

Discussion meetings Thursday and Friday at 730pm. Fellowship opportunities are endless during the day with picnic areas, 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.

The cost of camping is a \$20 contribution per adult. Scholarships are available. Contributions to the scholarship fund are welcomed.

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 21th 6pm potluck

Speaker meeting at 7pm.

From Highway 58, turn south at Crescent Lake Junction on Forest Service Road 60. Travel 2.2 miles to the junction with Forest Service Road 6005. Continue a mile south, following signs. To Simax group camp

JOIN US!

Do you like throwing a good shing ding?

Are you looking for some sober summer fun?

Does your Home Group have ideas for some awesome fellowship opportunities?

Is it time for you to get in service?

Do you want more fun events in your Central Oregon town?

Then the COIGAA Entertainment Committee is looking for you!

We could use your input and help!

This committee includes the entire Central Oregon area AA community.

Home groups are encouraged to send a representative to the meeting.

Everyone is welcome no sobriety time requirements to be part of the fun.

Zoom meeting Second Tuesday of the month 7pm
Meeting ID 961 1009 6966 Password 061935

District 5 A.A. Info



Online Access

PC: 164

ID: 869 0310 1724

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND ...

DISTRICT 5 A.A. PRESENTS: "THE HOME GROUP"



FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO ASK HOW YOU CAN BE OF SERVICE Contact Carmack at Altdcm@district5aa.org or 415-516-7988

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

For more info contact the DCM at: dcm@district5aa.org





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Scan here to sign up for D5 Emails

https://form.jotform.com/231056617315148

Did you know you can listen to AA speakers on YouTube?!?!

Here is the link to listen to a speaker talk about Steps 6 & 7: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z_az52QVTlw

<u>The Seventh Tradition:</u> The A.A. groups themselves ought to be fully supported by the voluntary contributions of their own members. (taken from original form of Tradition 7)

Why AA literature does not contain the use of the word "Donate" anywhere:

The reason we changed the name of the "Alcoholic Foundation" to the "General Service Office" when we adopted the 7th Tradition is because words like "foundation and donation" can imply a charitable organization.

The 7th Tradition, like all the rest, is a spiritual principle. One of the ways I've been taught to support the 7th Tradition is to never use the "D" word in an A.A. setting.

We don't "donate" to Alcoholics Anonymous. We "Contribute". Groups, Districts, Areas, and even A.A. as a whole, don't accept "donations" We are fully self supporting through our own "Contributions". The word "donation" implies something given for charity. My sobriety is not a charity. It's something I get to participate in. In the same way I get to contribute to my household bills. I don't donate to the electric company or my mortgage. I DO however "donate" to the Humane Society, Meals on Wheels, or other charitable organizations.

Questions to ask yourself that may help this distinction to make sense. Do you "donate" to your household bills where you live? Or do you contribute? Do you donate to the IRS when you do your taxes? Or are you contributing member of society?

"In the midst of this exciting turn of affairs, the Conference agreed that the Alcoholic Foundation ought to be renamed the General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous, and this was done. The word "Foundation" stood for charity, paternalism and maybe big money. A.A. would have none of these; from here out we could assume full responsibility and pay our expenses ourselves.

As I watched all this grow, I became entirely sure that Alcoholics Anonymous was at last safe—even from me." Bill W. P-44 Legacy Of Service

OREGON AREA 58 | DISTRICTS 5 & 9
ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

POST-CONFERENCE DELEGATE REPORT

OUR DELEGATE WILL BE REPORTING ON WHAT HAPPENED AT THIS YEAR'S GENERAL SERVICE CONFERENCE!

WEDNESDAY

JULY 17TH @ 6-8PM
INCLUDES A FULL HOUR OF Q&A

JOIN US ONLINE

D9 ZOOM ROOM MEETING ID: 546 968 4077

PC: 411

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ROGUE MEN'S FALL RETREAT

September 13th-15th, 2024 Friday 6 PM to Sunday 12 PM



Spiritual Experience

Topics based on BB Appedix II

Lake Selmac, Mallard Loop 500 Reeves Creek Rd, Selma OR



Scan for Google Map

\$40 Registration

(required for all attendees - includes tent spot)

\$70 additional for RV Spots

(Total of \$110 - subject to availability)

All Reservations Include...

- Friday & Saturday Night Tent/RV Spots

- Friday Night Pizza
 Saturday Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner
 Sunday Breakfast muffins & donuts

Contact us

• Email: rogue.mens.retreat@gmail.com

---Registration +Tent Site -----RV Site -----Scholarship Request

Please Bring... • Camp Chair

- Tent
- Sleeping Bag
- Flash Light
- Notebook

Medford, OR 97504

- Coffee Cup
- Clothes -Appropriate for warm days and cold evenina



Scholarships Available to those who are unable to afford registration

Register @

mens-fall-retreat.cheddarup.com

Register Via Mail





Name Address Phone_ _State/Zip_ Please Mail this form and Check made payable to Rogue Men's Fall Retreat 1386 Bonita Avenue

> West Portland Group AA Speaker Meeting welcomes Jimmy D From Malibu, California!

Please join us before the meeting for an outdoor potluck and Fellowship. Children and families welcome!

The West Portland Group Fellowship Committee will be grilling burgersand dogs! Suggested donation \$5. Includes burger or dog, potluck sides and a beverage.

July 13th. 2024 5:30-7PM **Church Grounds**



Meeting starts at 7:30 PM **Greater Portland Bible Church** 2374 SW Vermont St Portland, OR 97219

In Lieu of donation sides are welcome. The meeting at 7:30 does not allow children under the age of 12 due to church policy.

2024 Wallowa Lake AA Campout & Speaker Meeting

When: August 23rd, 24th, & 25th Where: Creating Memories 59895 Pollock Rd, Joseph, OR 97846 Tent and RV Camping Available Schedule: August 23rd, Friday: 7pm Open AA Meeting August 24th, Saturday: Breakfast by District 29 @ 8am 9am to 5pm - swimming, hiking, games, fishing. Enterprise Group Dinner (Cost for dinner TBA) at 5pm to 6pm. Speaker Meeting 6:30pm: Dan L. - Corbett, OR August 25th Sunday, Breakfast by District 29 at 8am. Open AA Meeting at 9am



Reservations: Willy: 503-964-1363







Many Voices, Backgrounds & Cultures Together in Al-Anon Saturday, July 27 noon to 4pm

Zoom Meeting ID: 897 1551 8773 - Password: 069726 Dial by your location +1 929 205 6099 US (New York)

NYC Al-Anon Intergroup's monthly afternoon workshop focuses on the healing we experience through recovery and what we can do to bring the message to others who suffer from this family disease.

Newcomers are welcome.

12pm: Taking What I Like and Leaving the Rest Ipm: Finding a Home Group and Trust 2pm: Belonging in the Fellowship 3pm: The Three Legacies and My Culture







Or go to our website & click DONATE to send a check or money order

/ww.nycalanon.org/d onate

WEDNESDAY WORKSHOP SERIES

INTIMACY IN ALCOHOLIC RELATIONSHIPS (B-33)

6:00 PM Pacific / 9:00 PM Eastern

https://al-anon.workshopseries.org

We will have guest speakers share each week and will spend two weeks on each chapter.

Zoom Meeting ID: Passcode: 123456

Dial by your

- location
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 +1 669 900 6833

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 +1 360 209 5623
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ALCOHOLIC

- May 8th & 15th Alcoholism and Intimacy
- May 22nd & 29th Building and Rebuilding Trust
- Communicating Clearly June 5th & 12th
- June 19th & 26th Negotiating Boundaries
- July 3rd & 10th Spiritual Solutions

July 17th & 24th Expressing Gratitude

12th Annual OAC



Save The Dates

August 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 2024



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Conference

Contact/Questions: OregonAlateen@gmail.com

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

Mail Donations: OAC Tualatin, OR 97062

Save the Date!

July 2024 Al-Anon Assembly

Saturday July 20, 8:30 am - 5:00 pm Sunday July 21, 8:30 am - 12 noon

In-person with an electronic component (hybrid)

All Al-Anon and Alateen members are welcome; GRs and AWSC members have voice; only GRs have vote.



In-Person Information:

Where: DoubleTree Hotel by Hilton 9575 SW Locust St. Tigard OR 97223 Complimentary Parking and easy street parking

Double Tree Room Cost:

Room Rates: \$119.00 per night* *When you let them Know you will be attending the Al-Anon Assembly

Hybrid Information:

Zoom meeting number and password coming soon!

Other Information:

Registration begins Saturday at 8:00 AM. A voluntary group donation of \$10 is requested to help with Assembly costs. Light refreshments will be served Saturday and Sunday mornings.

*All proceeds support Oregon Area Al-Anon.

Questions:

Contact District 17 DR Emma: District-17@oregonal-anon.org.

AA Humor

Final words

A doctor, a teacher and a recovering alcoholic all die and go to an orientation in heaven, where they are asked, "When you are in your casket, what would you like to hear people saying about you as they pass by?"

The doctor answers, "I'd like to hear them say that I was a great doctor and a great family man."

The teacher says, "I'd like to hear them say I was a wonderful teacher who made a huge difference with our children of tomorrow."

The recovering alcoholic says, "I'd like to hear them say, 'Look, he's moving!"

Jerry H.

Fullerton Calif.

July 28—30,

1950

https://www.aagrapevine.org/magazine/2024/jul/wits-end-july-2024

AA History

July 8, 1940	First AA Group formed in Dayton, Ohio
July 20, 1941	First AA Group formed in Seattle, WA
July 24, 1943	L.A. press reports formation of all-Mexican AA Group

First AA International Convention held in Cleveland, Ohio. Twelve Traditions Adopted. Dr. Bob made his last appearance at a large AA gathering.





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Intergroup Meetings take place the fourth* Sunday of each month at 5:00 PM and are held LIVE at TEC—

469 NW Wall Street, Bend.

Observers are welcome to attend too!

Contact coigoffice@coigaa.org for more information

*In Nov. and Dec., the meetings are held on the 3rd Sunday of the month