

# Peer Pressure

In the course of an interchange on the nature of morality which took place on the internet, one of the respondents challenged my definition of morality as "that faculty which enables a person to distinguish and choose between his own selfish interests and the overall well-being of his immediate social group", by saying: "I don't understand why you're so keen on a peer-group orientated definition [of morality]. It seems to me that most morally minded people are not the types to be affected by peer-pressure - they do what they feel is right."

This response (from an educated American) is not surprising, because the term peer pressure has acquired a pejorative connotation in our society. We notice it most often when it induces someone we would like to control to take advantage of the safety in numbers to do something we adjudge not to be in his, or society's, best interests. Teenagers smoke and sport nose rings because of peer pressure; frat rats pollute themselves with gallons of beer and scorn a level of work which would bring academic excellence because of peer pressure. There is a tendency to forget that traits admired both by peers and non-peers, such as excellence in sport and maintenance of a high level of physical fitness, can also be mainly a response to peer pressure. As a teenager, I would have been well advised to be more responsive to peers in the matter of personal grooming, for I would have stood a better chance in a competitive job market if I had looked more like someone who fit in with the crowd and less like an eccentric who wore what her mother brought home from Goodwill and was able to shrug off the taunts of catty high school social butterflies.

A cohesive peer group of people bound together by common goals, dependent to some degree on one another and usually with some defining characteristic such as age, socioeconomic level, occupation, race or religious affiliation, is a mainstay of personal identity and personal decision making. It is all very well to say that a moral person 'does what he feels is right' but aside from instinctual urges, which are often the opposite of what is 'morally' right, what we perceive as right is ultimately dependent upon the judgment of other human beings. If, for example, I am faced with some thorny situation at work where my boss (authority) requests that I do something I feel is wrong, and my co-workers (peers) say don't sweat it, but I decide to defy my boss anyway, it's probably because my parents or my pastor instilled into me a particular version of Christian morality at an early age, rather than that I am intrinsically, congenitally a moral person.

As adults, at least, we have some flexibility respecting whom we select as peers, and therein lies the crux of the issue. Pressure from good peers leads to good decisions. That is, if we are part of a stable interacting group of people with a common purpose, who respect and support each other's well-being, then this will act as a damper both on impulsive selfish decisions and on responding to plausibly seductive pressures from authority, or the world at large, to behave in ways detrimental to the long-term interests of ourselves and our community. Of course no peer group is immune to becoming collectively deluded as to its interests, just as no hierarchical authority structure or individual is immune, but the peer group does provide an independent leg in the decision-making process, and may well be more resistant to this sort of perturbation than the other two.



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# AA Meetings:



New: Springfield Happy Hour is at 418 'A' Street, 1st Christian Church on Fridays at 5:30-6:30pm. Handicap accessible.

The Great Fact Group now meets Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Saturday from 7-8am at 2065 Centennial Blvd. Bethel Assembly Church in Springfield. They've got the best combination of early morning coffee and recovery in town!

Changed: Women's Bedrock Literature Study is now an open meeting. Handicap accessible. They still meet on Tuesday from 6:45-8pm at 1376 Olive Street, First United Methodist Church in Eugene.

Canceled: The Friday Night Group at 418 N 'A' Street from 8-9:30pm is no longer meeting.

Back Roads Bunch Women's meeting on Friday night at 7-8pm in Junction City is no longer meeting. Men's meeting is still taking place.

Topic of interest: Please note that the Oregon Area Website address is [www.aa-oregon.org](http://www.aa-oregon.org)

*Please remember to let us know if your group stops meeting. It's a lot easier to remember when you are starting a meeting, but if you stop meeting remembering to remove it from meeting lists may save someone frustration and more when they really need a meeting. To submit changes of any kind please fill out a form in the "Meeting Book Changes" book at the EVI office. Ask a volunteer at the front desk for it. Thanks!*

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I suspect that part of the reason 12-step programs are so successful at combating substance abuse and other compulsive behaviors is the strong element of peer pressure which is incorporated in these programs. When, out of necessity, I joined Alcoholics Anonymous several years ago, I was a loner without a peer group. The program provided me with a group of about 30 individuals who met regularly to discuss their common problem, people who knew what they were talking about and demonstrated through their narratives that the steps they were taking improved the quality of their lives. For the first few months after I got sober, the main thing keeping me from returning to a very destructive pattern of drinking was the knowledge that those people would notice if I stopped coming to meetings, and that if I later decided to rejoin the group, I would be obliged to confess to them that I had slipped. Peer pressure? Absolutely! I have seen it succeed where all the best that psychology and the medical establishment could throw at this devastating problem failed miserably.

Several things stand out which make Alcoholics Anonymous unusual among associations of people in present day America at least. One is a sense of importance. Outsiders often criticize the line of maintenance of sobriety being a manner of life and death, saying it sounds like a cult, but most members know through personal experience that this is no exaggeration, and while they may not have explored all the options available, they failed at more than a few before finding one which worked, and have no inclination to experiment further. Another is the lack of a hierarchy. The person who walks in the door still nursing a hangover enjoys the same official status as a person with many years of sobriety, and it is only through demonstrated service to the group that one acquires any authority. Everyone in the room is truly a peer. A third is acceptance, though in a non-coercive way, of a received system of morality based on a kind of minimal mainstream Christianity. A peer group can't function unless there is some commonality of values, unless people agree, for example, what weight shall be given to honesty, or how much altruism is expected in member-member interactions. Adopting a set of general guidelines which is part of our culture, and having no means of enforcing it other than the good opinion of peers, seems to work better for maintaining community than artificially creating a lot of explicit rules, some of them contrary to cultural experience, and then devising penalties to ensure that people adhere to them.

Tyrannical systems, whether totalitarian governments or mega-corporations, find peer groups to be anathema. It is far easier to control single individuals than groups. The message 'don't bow to peer pressure' frequently has as its subtext, 'do as I say.' While one's individual wisdom, born of life's experience, can be a good check when peer pressure and prudent self-interest collide, group wisdom and group conscience are probably a better guide in making decisions in cases where the actions of a large and impersonal system impinge upon our relationships with those closest to us.

Martha S. - Eugene, Oregon

# The Road Back

My grandfather took me to my first meeting when I was eleven, maybe twelve, in Elizabeth, New Jersey. That was around 1959. I did not drink then, but Gramp was in Alcoholics Anonymous and we all knew it. I served as an altar boy at the mass that preceded the breakfast speaker-meeting.

The communicants were rugged types - some quite rugged, very early in their sobriety and very advanced in their disease. The meetings were boisterous, with much laughter and many people, mostly men. The eggs were awful.

Gramp was 'Poke to everyone, including his children, which probably came from his time in Texas working in the oil fields, where he learned to make that alarming brew called "cowboy coffee." Two quarts of water boiled with a handful of grounds, reboiled throughout the day. "It didn't get good until dinner," Gramp said. Cowboy coffee and Pall Malls: Gramp was a focused man.

Gramp liked me, much more than I realized. And I liked him, much more than I realized. He legitimized AA for me at an early age, which was good, because my mother hated it. She thought AAs were self-indulgent posturers who took no account of the damage they had done to other people. Gramp was Mom's father, so I'm sure you get that picture.

We had plenty of alcoholism in the family: both sides, down the line. My own problems with drinking began in my twenties, but I had the spirit of an alcoholic long before then, and it manifested itself in different ways. I ran obsessively, got scholarships, and then blew college. I studied for the priesthood and prayed myself into a state of cognitive dysfunction. I borrowed a car without permission (see cognitive dysfunction) and was diagnosed as epileptic. Later, the diagnosis was changed to schizophrenic, for which the treatment of the day was shock and Thorazine. I perceived a trend developing at that point, so I dissociated myself from the medical community, got married, got divorced, and joined the army.

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## EVI Web Site

[www.efn.org/~eviaa](http://www.efn.org/~eviaa)

Meeting schedules, business meeting minutes, and much more.

The little squiggle in the address is found right next to the exclamation point on the keyboard. Save a book mark or favorite and check back often!

## E.V.I. News

Emerald Valley Intergroup's Newsletter for the A.A. Community in Lane County

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Submissions due last Monday of each month. To submit articles or event information, mail them or drop them off at the EVI office c/o EVI Newsletter. Submissions can also be e-mailed to: [eviaa@efn.org](mailto:eviaa@efn.org)

Communication Committee (Newsletter & Web Site, Meeting Book) meetings are held at 6pm the first Friday of each month at the EVI office. Call John G (686-5602) with any questions.

# Contributions:



(September/year to date)

Anonymous/Unknown 0/10.00  
As Bill Sees It 25/50  
Attitude Adjustment 113.40/1145.47  
Autumn Group 0/60.00  
Brown Bag Group 0/175.00  
Caduceus 0/113.00  
Cottage Grove Noon 0/10.74  
Courage to Change 0/78.00  
Daily Reflections 50/50  
Downtown AM Group 156.80/1037.79  
Early Firehouse Group 0/30.00  
Freedom of Choice 0/356.80  
Friday Night BB Study 0/119.22  
Friday Night Stag 0/0  
From The Heart 100/200  
Get Well Group 0/20.00  
Gratitude Group 30/80  
The Great Fact Group 0/15.00  
How It Works 100/493.00  
Last Chance Study Group 0/120.00  
Monday Mens Stag 0/330.26  
Monday Night Beginners 0/0  
New Freedom 0/395.50  
New Freedom II 0/240.00  
Primary Purpose 0/0.50  
Recovery By the Big Book 0/0  
Recovery By The Steps 0/100.00  
Rush Hour Group 0/53.00  
Saturday Morning Steps 0/220.00  
Search For Serenity 34/709.10  
Serenity Seekers West 0/0  
Sober Awakenings 0/660.00  
Sobriety for Life 0/144.00  
Springfield Monday Night 0/15.00  
Sponsorship 0/20.00  
Stairway to Sobriety 25/200  
Sunday Morning B.B. 0/781.15  
Sunday Sunshine 100/285.00  
Sunlight of the Spirit 0/50.00  
Sunday Night B.B. Study 0/42.00  
Thurs. Men's Book Study 0/100.00  
Thurs. Men's Spons. Group 0/0  
Try God Group 0/911.70  
Tuesday Beginners 0/0  
Tuesday Night Mens Stag 40/40  
Veneta Gratitude Group 0/30.00  
Vet's and Friends 0/40.00  
We Need Each Other 0/100.00  
Wednesday Mens Noon 0/0  
Wed. Night Men's Stag 0/300.00  
Women's How It Works 15/74.66  
Womans Rd. to Recovery 0/205.25  
Women's Wednesday 0/2.00  
Total Contributions (month/year to date)  
Group month/ytd 789.20/10217.14  
**Contributions/Individual**  
Anonymous/Unknown 0/152.00  
Faithful Fivers 60/709.40  
Ind. Contributions/Other 19.03/339.56  
Total Contributions/Ind. 79.03/1128.02

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Somewhere between getting married and joining the army, the drinking started in earnest. It was almost a deliberate decision: "Nothing else worked; let's try this." And truth be told, it did kind of work. I was doing construction work and beer fit right in, physically and socially. After a day in the sun mixing cement and digging dirt, iced tea is not what a young body wants. It wants beer, and this young body got plenty of it.

When I joined the army, the drinking intensified, as it often does, and it began to betray its early promise. Sheer drunkenness replaced liberated libation. Blackouts became a regular thing, as did stupidity. I almost lost an eye in a fight. I did forsake a commission. I had brains but absolutely no sense, and I had no idea why.

After the army came Texas and California and Maine and Massachusetts and finally Connecticut. I kept trying and trying to control the drinking. It became more and more apparent that some irrevocable disaster would occur if I didn't. Actually, many disasters had occurred already, but I had worked my life around them. They were just something else to adjust to.

Way back when things had first begun to go bad, when the blackouts had become unexceptional, a girlfriend took me to an AA meeting. I didn't tell her I had been to meetings before. I don't know why. This meeting was a disaster. I had no idea what people were talking about, except one guy from the CIA who spent twenty minutes telling everyone how wonderful they were. That superior Washington attitude: the big man strokes the proles. Then I discovered that my girlfriend was seeing one of the AA guys there.

So it was a while before I went to another meeting, maybe eighteen years. I had thought about it, but Gramp had died and Mom's antagonism to AA was kind of in my hard drive. And anyway, I liked to drink. I really, really did, and I believed I was managing, so the First Step was kind of a hurdle. But then there was no place else to go and one night in September 1995, I went to a meeting in Middletown, Connecticut, and told the group about my grandfather. They gave me a Big Book, signed it, and gave me phone numbers.

It was two years before I went to another meeting and by that time I was out: I had no job, no home of my own, very little money, and the growing conviction that my brain was going wet. So I found a meeting that met Monday through Friday, kept going, took a commitment, found a sponsor, and now I'm almost two years sober. I'm even a GSR. My program is very basic: I pray and I go to meetings. I've worked Steps One through Five and made some amends, including to my mother before she died. (My father had long since died of this disease.)

It's been a long, tortuous road, and this alcoholic mind has been a wicked, cunning, treacherous beast. But I'm sober now because of AA, and I'm in AA because of Gramp. And wherever he is, I hope he knows it.

Robert B., Manchester, Connecticut

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# October Calendar



## Gratitude:

### Currently Available Service Positions:

H&I has a constant, and varied need for people willing to do a little to a lot of service work. There is also a special need for women volunteers for Lane County Jail, CCC, Willamette Valley Treatment, etc. The opportunity for this type of service has really expanded, and H&I has been doing a great job, but they need the AA community to step up and volunteer. This is real service work.

- 1st Mon Steering Committee 6:30PM
- Tue District 20, 6:30PM 418 A St. Ken L. 747-8270
- Tue District 33, 6:30PM Allen U. 741-2617
- Wed District 19, 5:30PM Sandy V. 485-4827
- Thur Speaker Mtg Committee, 7:00PM Angel 431-4924
- Fri Communication Meeting, 6:00PM John G. 686-5602
- Sat Cooperation with Professional Community, Noon
- Sun Activities, 5:00PM Mindy 954-2048
- 2nd Mon EVI Business Meeting 6:30PM
- Wed District 6, 6:30PM Tim A. 726-8558
- Sat Answering/Diverter, 9:00AM
- Sat EVI Speaker's Meeting, 7:30PM Country Club Road
- 3rd Wed Public Information, 6:00PM Bob P. 434-1045
- Last Wed H& I Committee, 6:00PM
- Last Day Literature Committee, 6:30PM



## Fellowship Events

**October 25, 2003, Canby, OR. AA Speaker Meeting.** 9am at the Cottage Kitchen, 314 NW 1st Street (Corner of 1st and Grant). Breakfast Buffet for \$7.95, or menu available.

**October 26, 2003, Springfield, OR. AA Potluck.** Where: American Legion Hall at 8th and 'C' Street. When: 6-7pm, followed by regularly scheduled meeting from 7-8:30. Please bring your favorite dessert or hot dish to share with all! For more information contact Tammy at 736-0127.

**November 2, 2003, Eugene, OR. First Sunday Speaker Meeting 1:30-3PM.** Handicapped, deaf, and visually impaired access.

**November 14-16, 2003, Grants Pass, OR. Oregon Area 58 Quarterly Assembly.** District 7 is hosting at the Riverside Conference Center, 971 SE 6th Street, Grants Pass, OR. Contact Les at (541)659-6949, or Kevin at (541)621-8748.

**February 19-22, 2004, Buffalo NY. 40th Annual International AA Women's Conference.** Come for a long weekend of: Workshops, Panels, Alkathon, Tours, Banquets, Meetings, Sobriety Count Down, Entertainment and Fun & Fellowship.

### The Promises

If we are painstaking about this phase of our development, we will be amazed before we are half way through. We are going to know a new freedom and a new happiness. We will not regret the past nor wish to shut the door on it. We will comprehend the word serenity and we will know peace. No matter how far down the scale we have gone, we will see how our experience can benefit others. That feeling of uselessness and self-pity will disappear. We will lose interest in selfish things and gain interest in our fellows. Self-seeking will slip away. Our whole attitude and outlook upon life will change. Fear of people and of economic insecurity will leave us. We will intuitively know how to handle situations which used to baffle us. We will suddenly realize that God is doing for us what we could not do for ourselves. Are these extravagant promises? We think not. They are being fulfilled among us, sometimes quickly, sometimes slowly. They will always materialize if we work for them.

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# People:



## OFFICE VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR

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Website: Jessie(485-3474), Open

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Teffany (746-1438)

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Vicki K. (688-5042), Kevin (520-0103)

## LITERATURE

Todd P.(689-4646), Mindy F. (954-2048)

## OUTREACH

Annie B. (431-6610), Open

## PUBLIC INFORMATION (PI)

Bob P. (434-1045), Bill D. (741-7709)

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Chair: Larry W. (513-5626)

## HOSPITALS

Chair: Steve S.(914-9258), Todd (302-6377)

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Janis B. (935-8833), Cayce (520-5635)

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C.C.C. (Men's): Tom R. (465-1832)

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Pathways: Kenny (461-2937)

Serbu Detention: Jack C. (463-1040)

Carlton House: Joe C. (554-3558)

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W.F.T.-Book Study: Leslie B.(606-5776),

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# Emerald Valley Intergroup

## Business Meeting Minutes - September 8, 2003

Meeting opened at 6:30 pm by Harold B. with the Serenity Prayer.

Twenty Six voting members present including group representatives, and District 20 and 33 liaisons.

### OLD BUSINESS

#### ELECTIONS - Co-Chairs

Literature: Mindy F. 954-2048; Newsletter Martha S. 687-9569

Meeting Directories: Teffany 746-1438; Speaker Mtg. Kevin 520-0103

Outreach OPEN; Website OPEN C.P.C. Nadine P. 683-5730

### NEW BUSINESS

Joan M. stepped down as C.P.C. Co-Chair.

### Announcements

As of 9-2-03 we have no place to hold the Speaker meeting. Anyone knowing of an alternative contact Vicki K. 688-5042 [A place was subsequently found]..

There will be an ALANON booth at the Eugene Celebration.

AS ALWAYS check the BIG ASS calendar in the office for announcements and events; check out the other bulletin boards for events across the state. Check out the EVI Website [www.efn.org/~eviaa](http://www.efn.org/~eviaa).

### MOTIONS: None

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Activities:** Holly S. Lots of activities on the horizon - stay tuned.

**Archivist:** Jim G. Getting it together ( mission, purpose, etc. ).

**Communications** - Newsletter: Teffany. Doing well; Newsletter can always use more local articles and contributions.

**Meeting Directories:** Elizabeth R. Fall/Winter directories have been printed; a snafu delayed delivery.

**EVI Speaker Meeting** Report given by Angel ....Looking for place to hold meeting

**Diverter:** Bob E. Running smoothly. Diverter people are doing a great job -Thank You for your efforts. Training Program/Orientation is one of the changes being discussed.

**H.& I.** Larry W: Things are moving along and doing well..

**Literature** Todd P. Inventory is done, current inventory is adequate and more literature has been ordered from New York.

**Office:** Bill B. Office running pretty smoothly. Would like to thank all volunteers for their efforts.

**Public Information:** Bill D. Doing very well

**Outreach:** Brad M. Getting his feet under him and learning.

**Steering Committee:** Harold B. The diverter report discussed at length at last month's committee meeting.

**Treasurer** Tom L. P/L looking good for August.

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR GROUPS:** Some groups have been using EVI's nonprofit taxpayer number for setting up bank accounts. This is contrary to IRS regulations, and needs to stop. Groups wishing to set up bank accounts may do so by showing a receipt from GSO for a group donation. The EVI ID number is for EVI business only.

Meeting adjourned at 7:35 with SERENITY PRAYER.

Submitted by: Roger H. Secretary

# Echoes in the Valley

(Echoes in the Valley is a collection of wit and wisdom heard in and around the valley. While not always original, they are shared by local folk at local events. If you hear anything at a meeting that you think others would enjoy or benefit from, please drop it off in the Newsletter Box at EVI. Quotes are credited to the speaker with permission, otherwise they are anonymous.)

"Guilt? What's that?"

Eric - Monday Noon Stag

"If you sit on your ass, you'll get a flat ass."

Mike F - Primary Purpose

"I got mad at my wife for mowing the grass the wrong way!"

John B - Monday Noon Stag

"Expectation is a premeditated resentment."

Anonymous - Attitude Adjustment

"Alcoholics always get drunk at the wrong time."

Grant - Primary Purpose

"There's a difference between guilt and shame."

John S - Monday Noon Stag

"They sent me to diversion. I thought that meant diverting the law. It never occurred to me that it meant diverting my drinking behavior."

Marty N. - Search For Serenity

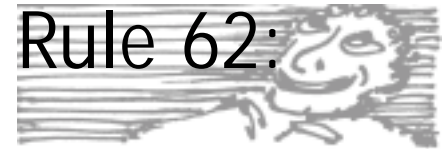
"Go to enough meetings to never feel like you *need* a meeting."

Greg - Monday Noon Stag



## The Stages of Alcoholic Friendship

1. Your best friends are light social drinking professionals.
2. Your best friends are heavy social drinking professionals.
3. Your best friends are professional heavy social drinkers.
4. Your best friends are unemployed heavy drinkers who frequent bars.
5. Your best friends are incarcerated or living under bridges.
6. Your former best friends have joined AA.
7. Your best friend is a bottle.
8. Your best friend is a pink elephant.
9. Your best friends are your fellow AA members.



A guy comes home completely drunk one night. He lurches through the door and is met by his scowling wife, who is most definitely not happy. "Where the hell have you been all night?" she demands.

"At this fantastic new bar," he says. "The Golden Saloon. Everything there is golden."

"Liar! There's no such place!"

Guy says, "Sure there is! It's got huge golden doors, a golden floor, the works - hell, even the urinal's gold!"

The wife still doesn't believe his story, and the next day checks the phone book, finding a place across town called the Golden Saloon. She calls up the place to check her husband's story.

"Is this the Golden Saloon?" she asks when the bartender answers the phone.

"Yes it is," bartender answers.

"Do you have huge golden doors?"

"Sure do."

"Do you have golden floors?"

"Most certainly do."

"What about golden urinals?"

There's a long pause, then the woman hears the bartender yelling,

"Hey, Duke, I think I got a lead on the guy that pissed in your saxophone last night!"



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