Into Action!

Westside Central Office

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What's Happening at the WCO?

On February 6th, the Westside Central Office celebrated its 7th year anniversary! This milestone also landed on our monthly business meeting. To commemorate the day, coffee and cake was served. Special thanks to Board member, Nick F, for providing the refreshments. And of course, thank you everyone for your support! For those interested in reading about our journey to seven years, read *A Brief History on Westside Central Office* at www.westsidecentraloffice.com/about-2/a-brief-history-on-west-side-central-office/.

As we mentioned in last month's newsletter, our office was closed the first two Saturdays in January due to weather. Despite some iffy weather this month, we are happy to report that we were open each Saturday this month. Hopefully this good streak continues for the rest of winter!

We regret to inform that longtime WCO volunteer, John W, has stepped down from his office volunteer position due to health reasons. He covered the 5th Saturday of the month. John also served as our first Treasurer. Fortunately, John is still available to help out on the Hotline. He has volunteered on our Hotline since it started in 2011. Thank you John for your service!

We are, therefore, seeking an office volunteer for the occasional 5th Saturday of the month. Duties include opening and closing our office, selling A.A. Conference Approved Literature, answering the office phone, and providing A.A. information for anyone who stops by the office. The shift lasts from 12noon until 4pm. Two or more years of sobriety is suggested. Contact us at info@westsidecentraloffice.com for more information or to apply.

Our winter printed meeting schedule is now available at our office. They are available for free. However, a 50 cent donation per schedule helps cover printing costs. If your group information changed or if your group is not listed in our meeting schedule, then you can add/update your group's information at www.westsidecentraloffice.com/meetings/addupdate-meeting-information.

We elected a new recording secretary at our business meeting this month. Many thanks go to Marilyn D for her availability to serve as our new secretary.

The WCO Board held its winter quarterly meeting after the normal business meeting this month. We discussed our pending 501(c)(3) federal tax exempt status application. We hope to have an update on this soon.

Besides the 5th Saturday office volunteer position, we are seeking individuals to serve the following vacant positions: Chair, Public Information (PI) Committee Chair, Corrections Chair, Cooperation with the Professional Community (CPC) Committee Chair, Activities Chair, and Newsletter Chair. More information on these positions is available by contacting us at info@westsidecentraloffice.com or by visiting www.westsidecentraloffice.com/westside-central-office-service-opportunities-3/ .

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Are you looking for a meeting?

Or would you like to read today's *Daily Reflection*, the *Big Book,* or *Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions* book online? These are just a few of the A.A. resources available on our website. Visit today by pointing your browser to www.westsidecentraloffice.com.

Need A.A. Literature?

The Westside Central Office sells A.A. Conference Approved Literature at cost! You can purchase A.A. Literature on Saturdays from 12noon-4pm at our office located at 12705 SW Beaverdam RD Suite E Beaverton, OR 97005. A map to our office is available at http://westsidecentraloffice.com/map/

If you want to drink, that's your business. If you want to stop, that's ours! Call 503-684-0415

Grapevine News

The Grapevine is A.A.'s meeting in print. This month's theme is "My Home Group". This issue features stories by A.A. members discussing the meeting that they call "Home". To subscribe, visit www.aagrapevine.org .

The Grapevine is now accepting stories for "the many ways you or your group uses the Grapevine to carry the message to the alcoholic" issue (due March 5, 2017), the annual "Young and Sober" issue (due April 5, 2017). Visit www.aagrapevine.org/contribute to submit your story.

This Month in A.A. History

- **February 1938** – Frank Amos, friend of John D. Rockefeller, Jr. assesses the Akron Group and explores the possibility of opening a small hospital for alcoholics. Amos recommends that Rockefeller donate $50,000 for the hospital, but Rockefeller refuses stating that the fellowship should be self-supporting. The philanthropist does donate $5,000 toward Bill and Dr. Bob's basic needs.
- **February 1940** – First A.A. World Service Office opens on Vesey Street in New York City.
- **February 1940** – First A.A. Clubhouse opens at 334 ½ West 24th Street in New York City.
- **February 8, 1940** – The A.A. Co-founders and some early members attend a dinner party put on by John D. Rockefeller Jr. It's at this meeting that Rockefeller informs Bill, Bob, and the early members that he feels A.A. should be self-supporting as far as money is concerned. This stance by Rockefeller would later form the basis of A.A.'s 7th Tradition.
- **February 14, 1971** – A.A. groups around the world hold memorial meetings honoring Bill's work as Co-founder of A.A. Bill died on January 24, 1971.
- **February 1993** – In a textbook example of country-to-country sponsorship, A.A. Mexico succeeds in getting Cuba's first group going. The Cuban Government had previously outlawed A.A. But after A.A. Mexico informed the Cuban Government of how A.A.'s program of recovery works, the government changed its mind and welcomed the Fellowship. By the end of 2004, some 200 groups have formed in Cuba.
- **February 6, 2010 –** The Westside Central Office is founded.

Upcoming Events

March 6, 2017 – Westside Central Office Business Meeting, 7:00pm-8:00pm, Westside Central Office (12705 SW Beaverdam RD Suite E, Beaverton, OR 97005). More information is available at www.westsidecentraloffice.com/map/#business.

March 11, 2017 – Sponsorship Workshop. 10:00am – 12noon. Emmanuel Presbyterian Church (19200 Willamette DR, West Linn, OR). Event sponsored by Districts 15, 36, and 37. More information is available at www.westsidecentraloffice.com/events/aa-announcements/.

To list A.A. related announcements in this section, email the announcement to: newsletter@westsidecentraloffice.com

Making a Seventh Tradition Contribution

Besides contributing time and energy to the Westside Central Office (WCO), A.A. members and groups may also make a financial contribution. The WCO is funded exclusively by the voluntary contributions of A.A. groups and members. No contribution is too small. Please make checks payable to Westside Central Office, P.O. Box 19911, Portland, OR 97280-0911.

Does your Home Group have a WCO Rep?

A Central Office Rep (CO Rep) serves as the liaison between the A.A. Group and the Westside Central Office (WCO). Co Reps attend the WCO business meeting and vote their group's conscience on Central Office matters. By electing a CO Rep, your group not only helps the Central Office help the alcoholic who still suffers, but your group also creates another service position for a home group member. Our business meeting is held on the first Monday of the month, 7pm-8pm, at the Westside Central Office, 12705 SW Beaverdam RD Suite E, Beaverton, OR 97005. We look forward to seeing your group's Co Rep there!

Is There an Alcoholic Looking for Your Meeting?

Each day, we are contacted by A.A. newcomers and visitors from out-of-town in search of a meeting. You can help us find a meeting for these individuals by listing your home group's meeting(s) in our meeting directory. To list your group, complete the online form at: www.westsidecentraloffice.com/meetings

"…Step Two gently and very gradually began to infiltrate my life. I can't say upon what occasion or upon what day I came to believe in a Power greater than myself, but I certainly have that belief now."

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Get Involved!

The Westside Central Office has the following 12th Step opportunities:

12th Step Calls – Interested in going on a 12th Step Call? A.A. members are needed for the 12th Step Call Committee. We suggest that volunteers have at least 1 year of sobriety, a sponsor, a home group, and have worked all twelve steps at least once. Visit the 12th Step Call webpage at westsidecentraloffice.com/service/twelfth-step-calls or email the 12th Step Call Committee Chair at 12stepchair@westsidecentraloffice.com for more information.

A.A. Hotline - Do you like talking on the phone and helping people? Volunteers are needed to answer the Westside Central Office phone, day and night. Phone shifts last about 2 hours and calls can be forwarded to any cell phone or landline. To learn how you can help, visit the Hotline webpage at westsidecentraloffice.com/service/a-a-hotline/ or email the A.A. Hotline Chair at hotlinechair@westsidecentraloffice.com.

Public Information – Volunteers are needed to help inform the public on what A.A. is and what A.A. is not. Activities include putting on presentations at area schools, dropping off meeting schedules at hotels/motels, donating Big Books to public libraries, taking out ads with the A.A. hotline phone number in local newspapers, etc. The Public Information committee carries the message to the alcoholic who may not yet know about A.A. Email pi@westsidecentraloffice.com for more information.

Activities – Interested in putting on social or service oriented events? Then join the activities committee. Email activities@westsidecentraloffice.com for more information.

Treatment Facilities – Volunteers are needed to help contact treatment centers and offer assistance in coordinating A.A. meetings and presentations at their facility. The type of organizations this committee works with includes inpatient/outpatient treatment centers; detox centers, hospitals, institutions, nursing homes, etc. Email tf@westsidecentraloffice.com for more information or to get involved with the Treatment Facilities Committee.

Professionals – Volunteers are needed to help carry the A.A. message to professionals, such as health care workers, counselors, law enforcement, etc. who come into contact with active alcoholics. Email cpc@westsidecentraloffice.com for more information or to get involved with the Cooperation with Professionals Committee.

Corrections – Volunteers are needed to help carry the A.A. message to those behind bars. Email corrections@westsidecentraloffice.com for more information or to get involved.

Into Action! is published monthly by the Westside Central Office. The Westside Central Office is an Intergroup/Central Office serving the A.A. community in the Western Portland Oregon metropolitan area. Our primary purpose is to serve our A.A. groups and members by helping them carry the message to the alcoholic who still suffers. More information is available at www.westsidecentraloffice.com. Direct all correspondence to: email: info@westsidecentraloffce.com phone: 503-684-0415 (extension 0) mail: Westside Central Office, P.O. Box 19911, Portland, OR 97280-0911.