Into Action!

Westside Central Office

July 2014

What's Happening at the WCO?

The Westside Central Office hosted a business meeting on Monday, July 7, 2014 from 7pm-8pm at 12705 SW Beaverdam RD Suite E, Beaverton, OR 97005. Below are the highlights from this meeting:

The Activities Chair, Joe S, reported that the annual 7th Tradition Workshop will be held on Saturday, August 23, 2014 from 2-4pm at the *New Thought Center for Spiritual Learning* (1040 C Ave, Lake Oswego, OR 97034). The event, co-sponsored by A.A. District 23, will include food. A flyer for this event will be posted on the WCO website soon.

The Literature Committee announced that the *Summer 2014* printed meeting schedule is now available at the WCO location. Meeting schedules are available to everyone for free while supplies last.

Public Information (PI) Committee Chair, Derek T, reported that a member of Al-Anon's Outreach Committee attended the recent Westside PI meeting. The Al-Anon member is interested in learning how the two committees, Al-Anon's Outreach and A.A.'s PI, can work together. Some suggestions are available in the A.A. Guidelines on the *Relationship Between A.A. and Al-Anon* (available at www.aa.org/assets/en_US/mg-08_relationshipbet.pdf). In other PI news, planning for the PI Workshop continues. Derek announced that the workshop will be held at the WCO location. He will also announce the date of the event soon.

The Corrections Committee Chair, Josh S, reported that the South Fork Forest Camp meeting continues to go well. Josh recently obtained clearance to bring guest speakers to the South Fork meeting. Two guest speakers were escorted into the facility by Josh this past month. The Committee also has reached out to the local Tillamook A.A. service committees to see if they would like to help with the South Fork activity. Josh also announced that the committee will begin reaching out to area youth detention facilities.

Curtis C resigned as the Treatment Facilities (TF) Committee Chair. The TF Committee carries the A.A. Message to Treatment Facilities. The current term for this Chair runs through September 30, 2014. Two years continuous sobriety is suggested. A job description is available on the WCO website in the Archives (www.westsidecentraloffice.com/about-2/archives/). Individuals interested in this position can email info@westsidecentraloffice.com for more information, or attend a WCO business meeting. One can also view other job openings by clicking on the *Help Wanted* link at the WCO website (www.westsidecentraloffice.com).

In New Business, we formed an Ad Hoc Committee that will propose a job description for a Volunteer Chair service position. We also tabled a motion, made by the Finance Committee, to increase our prudent reserve.

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WCO Now Has An Office!

The Westside Central Office has secured a physical office location as of March 4th, 2014. The office is located at 12705 SW Beaverdam RD Suite E, Beaverton, OR 97005 (behind the Curiosities Vintage Mall). We will hold our next business meeting at the new office on **Monday, August 4, 2014 from 7pm-8pm.** Everyone's welcome to attend. A map to our office is available at http://westsidecentraloffice.com/map/.

Stay tuned for more details on office hours. Anyone interested in volunteering at the office is encouraged to email us at info@westsidecentraloffice.com.

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! Visit www.westsidecentraloffice.com/literature or call 503-684-0415 (extension 2) to order literature.

If you want to drink, that's your business. If you want to stop, that's ours!
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This Month in A.A. History

- **July 6, 1948** – Earl E, founder of the first A.A. meeting in Seaside Oregon has his last drink. Earl will attend meetings in Astoria before starting the meeting in his Seaside home in September of 1950.
- **July 1950** – The Twelve Traditions adopted by the fellowship at the First International Convention (Cleveland, Ohio).
- **July 1950** – At the request of some judges, a city jail committee is established by the Portland Oregon *Central Advisory Committee* (CAC). CAC changed its name to *Portland Intergroup* in 1962.
- **July 1955** – The 20th Anniversary International Convention is held in St. Louis.
- **July 1955** – The second edition of the Big Book is published.
- July 3, 1955 – The St. Louis Convention culminates with Bill W officially handing leadership of A.A. over to the members.
- **July 1955** – Steve L. Loy, managing editor of La Grande Oregon's newspaper, "Evening Observer", attends a local A.A. meeting. A few days later, the newspaper runs a 600-word editorial on A.A. entitled "It Must Have Something". The editorial provides the residents of La Grande a clear picture of what A.A. is and its aims.
- **July 1, 2004** – The A.A. Grapevine Digital Archive is launched providing online access to sixty years of Grapevine content.

Upcoming Events

August 4, 2014 – Westside Central Office Business Meeting, 7:00pm-8:00pm, Westside Central Office (12705 SW Beaverdam RD Suite E, Beaverton, OR 97005).

August 7, 2014 – Public Information Committee Meeting, 7:30pm-8:30pm. Westside Central Office (12705 SW Beaverdam RD Suite E, Beaverton, OR 97005).

August 21, 2014 – Corrections Committee Meeting, 6:30pm-8:00pm. Westside Central Office (12705 SW Beaverdam RD Suite E, Beaverton, OR 97005).

August 23, 2014 – 7th Tradition Workshop, 2pm – 4pm. *New Thought Center for Spiritual Learning* (1040 C Ave, Lake Oswego, OR 97034).

August 28 – September 1, 2014 – 19th Annual AA in the Woods Camp Out. Fisherman's Bend (River RD SE, Mill City, OR). More information is available at westsidecentraloffice.com/events/aa-announcements/.

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

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

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.

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 .

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