# Into Action!

Westside Central Office

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## What's Happening at the WCO?

We hope everyone had a wonderful Fourth of July holiday. Our office was closed during the holiday weekend and our business meeting was moved from July 4th (the first Monday) to July 18th (the third Monday).

Last month, we reported that we now have a sidewalk sign to help direct patrons to our office. So far, it looks like it is doing its job. We have seen a slight increase in foot traffic at our office this month.

Our summer printed meeting schedules were sent to the printers at the beginning of the month. Unfortunately, due to an error on our order by the printing company, we are still waiting to receive the schedules. We do not yet have a date when they will arrive. They may arrive within a few days after the publication of this newsletter or in early August. Feel free to call the office (503-684-0415 menu option 0) during our open office hours (Saturday 12noon-4pm) to find out if they are in stock.

Our Cooperation with the Professional Community (CPC) Committee Chair, Nick F, has spent the last month contacting Westside A.A. Districts to see if they have a CPC Committee or would like to learn how to set up a CPC Committee. He received some responses and began scheduling presentations. His first presentation this month was at A.A. District 36 in Southwest Portland.

Nick also reports that the next quarterly CPC Meeting is not yet scheduled, but will probably take place sometime in August. He hopes to have a firm date by the August 1st WCO business meeting.

Currently, the CPC Committees participating in the quarterly meetings are targeting the clergy. They plan to choose another target audience at the next quarterly meeting.

We offer bulk literature orders to A.A. Groups and Districts. Depending on the size of the order, a bulk discount may apply. Email info@westsidecentraloffice.com for further details.

WCO has a number of great service position openings: Business Meeting Chair, Activities Chair, Literature Chair, Newsletter Chair, Public Information Chair, Corrections Committee Chair, and Treatment Facilities Chair.

We especially could use a Chair for our Public Information (PI) Committee. The purpose of the PI Committee is to convey information on A.A. to the general public, including the media. By informing the general public on what A.A. is (as well as what A.A. is not), we are able to reach alcoholics that may not otherwise know anything about A.A. Moreover, the PI Committee may also plant a seed in someone that might one day need our program. The PI Chair leads a committee of volunteers dedicated to carrying A.A.'s message to the alcoholic who may not otherwise be reached.

For more information on the PI Chair and our other service positions, please visit www.westsidecentraloffice.com and click on the *Help Wanted* link.

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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***

## 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.

## 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 what A.A. is not.
- **July 1, 2004** – The A.A. Grapevine Digital Archive is launched providing online access to sixty years of Grapevine content.
- **July 2012** – The participating groups of the Westside Central Office approve job descriptions and Guidelines for conducting elections and business.

# Upcoming Events

**August 1, 2016** – Westside Central Office Business Meeting, 7:00pm-8:00pm, Westside Central Office (12705 SW Beaverdam RD Suite E, Beaverton, OR 97005).

**August 5-7, 2016** – 6th Annual Coast Range Conference. Camp Magruder (17450 Old Pacific Hwy, Rockaway Beach, OR 97136). More information is available at www.coastrangeconference.com.

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!

# Grapevine News

Grapevine will soon offer the GV Subscription App for smart phones and tablets. The app will allow you to subscribe to the Grapevine, read the magazine, download the magazine for offline viewing, archive past issues, and more.

The app will first be available for iPhone and iPad. Other devices will be offered in late summer/early fall.

Would you like to receive a daily Grapevine quote in your email? You can join over 40,000 other subscribers to this free service by visiting www.aagrapevine.org/emails.

# 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

## "The Seventh Step is where we… move out from ourselves… and toward God."

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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.

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