

Into Action!

Westside Central  office

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What's Happening at the WCO?

We hope you all are having a wonderful summer. So far it's been a great summer weather-wise; hot days, cool nights. What's not to like, right? Of course as this newsletter goes to print, we are about to experience the hottest temperatures of the year. But this too shall pass, right? ☺

You probably noticed that this newsletter is coming out a little late; as in the last day of July. That is because we wanted to include some late breaking news. WCO is now a federally tax exempt organization. We received our determination letter this month from the IRS indicating that they classify us as a public charity under Internal Revenue Code (IRC) 501(c)(3). What this means for individual A.A. members is that all or part of their contribution may be tax deductible as a charitable contribution. Each donor should check with their tax advisor to determine whether their contribution can be deducted from their taxes.

To help us process your contribution and provide you with a receipt for tax purposes, we suggest that you include our newly revised contribution form with your check or money order. You can obtain the form by clicking on the "[Contribution Form](#)" link on our website, www.westsidecentraloffice.com.

If you contribute through our website (by clicking on the Pay Pal "Donate" button), then we will issue you a receipt by email.

In other news, there have been a number of construction projects occurring near our office. One such project is turning an adjacent parking lot

into a Food Truck park. While this is great news for our office volunteers, as they will have some nearby lunch options, it also means we no longer have a back entrance to our office. This leads us to the next construction projects.

This month, NW Natural Gas has been working on some gas lines that run under Beaverdam Road. This led to some traffic delays, but they were relatively minor for us since we are primarily open on Saturdays. However, there are also plans to tear up and replace the water main that runs under Beaverdam Road. This project is expected to commence in a month and last about 45 days. We may experience some water outages at our office and traffic delays, especially now that we no longer have a back entrance. We still plan to be open during construction. So, please continue to stop by on Saturdays from 12noon-4pm to purchase literature and obtain information on A.A.

Our next business meeting is Monday, August 7, 2017, 7pm-8pm, at our office. As a reminder, our September business meeting will be held on the third Monday, September 18th, due to the Labor Day Holiday. Our office will also be closed Saturday, September 2, 2017 in observance of Labor Day.

WCO has a number of great service position openings. For the current list of our service position openings, 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 7, 2016 – Westside Central Office Business Meeting, 7:00pm-8:00pm, Westside Central Office (12705 SW Beaverdam RD Suite E, Beaverton, OR 97005).

August 11-13, 2017 – Columbia River Roundup. University of Portland (5000 N Willamette BLVD, Portland, OR 97203). More information is available at www.columbiariverroundup.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

The Grapevine is AA's meeting in print. This month's issue contains a special section called "Carry the Message". This section features stories from the Winner of 2016's "Grow Your Grapevine Challenge" as well as Grapevine Service Stories. Visit www.aagrapevine.org to subscribe to the Grapevine.

The AA Grapevine website also has an online calendar where you can view and add upcoming AA related events. Point your browser to www.aagrapevine.org/share to access the online calendar.

Grapevine is always looking for stories, photographs, and illustrations. Please visit www.aagrapevine.org/share to learn how you can contribute content to the Grapevine.

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.”

(Reprinted from [Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions](#), page 76, with permission of A.A. World Services, Inc.)

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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