Into Action!

Westside Central Office

June 2015

What's Happening at the WCO?

Our office will be closed Saturday, July 4th due to *Independence Day*. However, our telephone hotline will still be open. Give us a call at 503-684-0415 if you need to talk to another alcoholic.

Saturday office hours continue to be a success. We are happy to provide an avenue for A.A.s to purchase conference approved literature on the weekends. Moreover, our financial contributions by A.A. groups and members continue to allow us to sell A.A. literature at cost. Thank you everyone for your continued support of WCO!

While financial contributions have been good lately, our supply of volunteers has not been able to keep up with the demand for A.A. services. We really can use volunteers for the following service positions: 12th Step Call Committee Chair, Public Information (PI) Committee Chair, and Treatment Facilities Chair. This past month alone, we have received requests for 12th Step Calls, A.A. Presentations at schools, and A.A. meetings in nursing homes that these committees could have fulfilled if they were active. If you are looking for something to do in A.A., please consider one of these service positions. Training is available! Two years sobriety is suggested for these positions. More information is available by visiting our web site (www.westsidecentraloffice.com) and clicking on the *Help Wanted* link.

Our Activities Committee Chair, Joe S, is continuing to plan our Annual 7th Tradition Workshop. Our 7th Tradition suggests that we be "fully self-supporting", yet, many of our members do not know what that really means. This workshop explains what it means as well as how we all can be "fully self-supporting".

The I.T. Committee recently scanned and posted on our website, the WCO business meeting minutes from our inaugural year, 2010. With the addition of the 2010 minutes, we now have a complete online archive of our business meeting minutes from 2010 to the present. Visit westsidecentraloffice.com/about-2/archives/ to view the archive.

At our June 2015 business meeting, we passed the tabled motion that requests that the Newsletter Chair, I.T. Chair, and I.T. Co-Chair be familiar (or become familiar) with Copyright laws as they pertain to the use of third party content in the Newsletter and website. Appropriate language was added to the job descriptions of the Newsletter Chair, I.T. Chair, and I.T. Co-Chair.

In new business, we approved a motion to allow the Pacific Northwest Conference (PNC) 2016 Host Committee to hold their monthly planning meeting at the Westside Central Office facility. PNC held its first conference in 1948 and is the oldest continuing conference in A.A. In June 2016, Oregon Area 58 is hosting PNC in Hermiston, Oregon. The Host Committee will hold its monthly planning meeting on the last Thursday of the month, 7pm, at WCO. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Our next business meeting is scheduled for Monday, July 6, 2015 from 7pm – 8pm at Westside Central Office, 12705 SW Beaverdam RD Suite E, Beaverton, OR 97005.

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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

- **Summer, 1934 –** Dr. William D. Silkworth pronounces Bill W a hopeless alcoholic.
- **June 10, 1935** – Dr. Bob has his last drink. Alcoholics Anonymous is founded.
- **June 1941** – *The Serenity Prayer* is published in the New York Herald Tribune. A.A. members in New York and elsewhere all immediately feel the prayer's relevancy to A.A.'s principles. Soon the prayer is printed on cards and passed out to A.A. members everywhere.
- **June 1944** – The *AA Grapevine* begins publishing. 1200 copies of the first edition are sent out to 165 subscribers.
- **June 1947** – *The A.A. Preamble* first appears in the June 1947 edition of the AA Grapevine.
- **Summer 1948** – Dr. Bob learns he has terminal cancer, leading him to shut down his office and retire from his medical practice.
- **June 1949** – After forming in May 1949, the first regular election of officers for the Portland Central Office (renamed the Portland Intergroup in 1962) is held. Jerry Mc was elected chairman and May S was elected secretary.
- **June 17, 1949** – The first A.A. meeting in Klamath Falls, Oregon is held.
- **June 1953** – The book *Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions* is published.
- **June 1978** – AA Grapevine's circulation reaches 100,000.
- **June 2004** – AA Grapevine achieves 60 years of continuous publication. Grapevine is now 64-page magazine with over 110,000 subscribers worldwide.
- **June 2014** – AA Grapevine celebrates 70 years as AA's meeting in print!

Upcoming Events

July 6, 2015 – Westside Central Office Business Meeting, 7:00pm-8:00pm, Westside Central Office (12705 SW Beaverdam RD Suite E, Beaverton, OR 97005).

July 30, 2015 – Pacific Northwest Conference (PNC) 2016 Host Committee Meeting, 7:00pm-8:00pm, Westside Central Office (12705 SW Beaverdam RD Suite E, Beaverton, OR 97005).

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

Grapevine News

The Grapevine is A.A.'s meeting in print. This month's issue focuses on A.A. turning 80 years old and A.A. around the world. Members share stories about meetings all over the globe. Visit www.aagrapevine.org to subscribe to the Grapevine.

During the week of the International Convention (July 1st – 6th), the Grapevine is offering a 33% discount on Grapevine online subscriptions. You can sign up for this special offer online or at the International Convention in Atlanta.

The Grapevine is now accepting stories for their *Service During the Holidays* issue (due July 5th), *Beginners* issue (due August 5th), and *Staying Sober through Adversity* issue (due September 1st).

To contribute a story to the Grapevine, visit http://www.aagrapevine.org/contribute for Submission Guidelines and upcoming issue themes.

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

"…we then look at Step Six. We have emphasized willingness as being indispensable."

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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.

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.