Into Action!

Westside Central Office

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What's Happening at the WCO?

Our Chair, Carla M, attended the May 21, 2017 Area 58 Assembly on behalf of WCO. She brought back a wealth of information which she shared at our June 3rd business meeting. One item in her report that really stuck out was the *7/27 Challenge.*

In 2016, the General Service Office (GSO) provided services to 1,362,402 A.A. members at a cost of $9,906,588. That's $7.27 per A.A. member for the whole year! If every member contributed $7.27 one time, it would support all of the services GSO provides to all groups, for one year! Therefore, Oregon Area 58 is challenging its members to send in at least $7.27 to GSO on July 27th or 7/27. Just remember $7.27 on 7/27.

Groups may want to pass a separate can for 7/27 collections. Donations can be submitted on their website, www.aa.org, or mailed directly to GSO at PO Box 459, Grand Central Station, New York, NY 10163-0459. Just be sure to indicate that the donation is for the *$7.27 on 7/27 CHALLENGE*.

An informational flyer on the 7/27 Challenge is available in the *A.A. Related Announcements* section of our website, www.westsidecentraloffice.com/events/aa-announcements/.

WCO continues to have a number of service openings including Co-Chair, Public Information (PI) Committee Chair, Cooperation with the Professional Community (CPC) Chair, Activities Chair. Come join us! You can visit our web site (www.westsidecentraloffice.com) and click on the *Help Wanted* link for more information.

Grapevine News

The Grapevine is A.A.'s meeting in print. The July 2017 issue is the annual prison issue. This issue has stories from members who stay sober behind the walls as well as stories from members who do corrections service.

The Grapevine is now accepting stories for their "Service during the Holidays" issue and an upcoming issue on "Sponsorship". Stories for both issues are due July 5, 2017.

The "Service during the Holidays" issue is an annual issue that comes out in December and contains stories from A.A. members who discuss what they do during the holidays to stay sober and be of service to others. The "Sponsorship" issue features articles on sponsoring and being sponsored.

The Grapevine is also seeking stories for a special issue on "Service" that they will publish in 2018. The theme is "4 Seasons of Service". More information is available at www.aagrapevine.org/4seasons.

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

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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

June 23-25, 2017 – Pacific Northwest Conference. Oak Harbor Elk's Lodge (155 NE Erns St, Oak Harbor, WA 98277). More information is available at www.pnc1948.org.

July 3, 2017 – Westside Central Office Business Meeting, 7:00pm-8:00pm, Westside Central Office (12705 SW Beaverdam RD Suite E, Beaverton, OR 97005).

July 9, 2017 – Oregon Area 58 Delegate's Post Conference Report and 7th Tradition Workshop presented by A.A. Districts 9 and 36. 10:30am. Hillsdale Library (1525 SW Sunset Blvd, Portland, OR 97239). A flyer is available at www.westsidecentraloffice.com/events/aa-announcements/.

July 27, 2017 – The 7/27 Challenge. Donate $7.27 to GSO today! More information is available at www.westsidecentraloffice.com/events/aa-announcements/.

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!

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.