Into Action!

Westside Central Office

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What's Happening at the WCO?

WCO is moving to a new location at Cedar Hills Shopping Center (10220-A SW Park Way, Portland, OR 97225) on November 18, 2017. Our phone number (503-684-0415) will not change.

We are moving because our present landlord informed us on September 27, 2017 that the city of Beaverton is buying the land and building where our office is located. The sale is expected to close on January 4, 2018 and the city of Beaverton has not made any firm decision on what will happen after January 4, 2018. However, they do plan to develop the land sometime in the next 5 years. They might also want to use the offices in the building for themselves.

At the October 2, 2017 business meeting, WCO President, Mark L, informed the body that it may take several months to locate an office that is in or near Beaverton, affordable, and around the same size as our present office. Our present lease is month-to-month, so we could start the search right away. Because of the uncertainty of our lease after January 4th, the voting body at our business meeting decided to start looking for a new office immediately. We formed an Ad Hoc Committee to handle the search.

Surprisingly, 10 days after our business meeting, we found a place that met all of our criteria. Although the office is not in Beaverton, it is nearby in unincorporated Washington County. Cedar Hills Shopping Center is easily accessible from Highways 26 and 217 (take exit 69B from 26 towards Park Way). Our present office is around 270 square feet and our new office is 234 square feet. So, it's a little smaller, but still large enough to sell literature and hold business meetings. The best part is that the rent remains the same in the first year. There are small increments in the rent if we extend our 1-year lease.

Our last day at the old office is Saturday, November 18, 2017. We will hold open office hours from 12noon to 2pm. We will then close early and move into our new office. We will be closed on Saturday, November 25, 2017 in observance of Thanksgiving. Then on Saturday December 2, 2017, our new location will open for the first time from 12noon-4pm. Our first business meeting at the new location will be held on December 4, 2017.

Anyone who is interested in helping with the move can contact us at info@westsidecentraloffice.com. A flyer that announces our move is on page 5 of this newsletter. Please pass it on to anyone who may be interested.

It should be easier to find us at our new location. We will no longer be hidden behind an antique shop. The main entrance to our office is through a set of glass doors to the right of a coffee shop called "Coffee Renaissance". After you walk through the glass doors, you will see a set of steps going down as well as an elevator. Walk down the step or take the elevator to the first floor. Our office is the first door on the left. To help you find us, we will have a side walk sign as well as some signage above the steps and on our door. We will also post directions to our new office on our website after November 18th. We look forward to seeing you all at our new location soon!

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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.

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! Call 503-684-0415

This Month in A.A. History

- **October 1943** – A second A.A. Group forms in Canada when alcoholics begin meeting in Windsor, Ontario
- **October 1944** – Reader's Digest publishes an article titled, "Maybe I Can Do It Too" about how A.A. member Edward G got sober. For the next four years, this article would appear in translation in several of the publication's international editions.
- **October 1944** – The Yale School of Alcoholic Studies and the Oregon Alcoholic Education committee hold a meeting at the Portland Masonic Temple. The meeting is well attended, following which, three members of Portland A.A. Group Number 1 decide to start a new group on Portland's eastside.
- **October 11, 1946** – Oregon State Hospital Group (Salem, OR) forms.
- **October 1951** – Lasker Award is given to A.A. by American Public Health Association.
- **October 1954** – The "Alcoholic Foundation" becomes the General Service Board of A.A.
- **October 1956** – The first overseas General Service Board is established in London, England to serve A.A. Groups in Great Britain and Ireland.
- **October 1957** – *Alcoholics Anonymous Comes of Age* is first published.
- **October 1958** – Alcoholics Anonymous is called upon to play an advisory role in the October 1958 TV broadcast of "Days of Wine and Roses". The play, examining the lives of an alcoholic married couple seeking help from A.A., will reach an international audience when produced as a movie in 1962.
- **October 8-11, 1969** – First World Services Meeting is held in New York. Representatives from General Service Offices from around the world hold a meeting to exchange ideas on literature distribution, service structure, publishing, and finance. The countries in attendance were Australia, Belgium, Canada, Colombia, Costa Rica, Finland, France, Germany, Guatemala, Holland, Mexico, New Zealand, Norway, South Africa, United Kingdom, and United States.
- **October 1991** – 800 Native Americans from 100 tribes in U.S. and Canada attend the First Native American A.A. Convention in Las Vegas, NV.
- **October 2011** – The Westside Central Office establishes an A.A. telephone hotline (503-684-0415).
- **October 2012 –** The Westside Central Office begins publishing this newsletter, *Into Action!*

Upcoming Events

November 6, 2017 – Westside Central Office Business Meeting, 7:00pm-8:00pm, Westside Central Office (12705 SW Beaverdam RD Suite E, Beaverton, OR 97005).

November 17-19, 2017 – Oregon Area 58 November Quarterly Assembly, Red Lion Inn (3301 Market St NE Salem, OR 97301). More information is available at www.aa-oregon.org/events/november-2017-oregon-area-58-service-assembly/.

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

Grapevine News

This month's issue of the Grapevine features excerpts from the Grapevine's new book, Voices of Women in AA. This book is a compilation of stories by women who contributed to AA throughout its history. Visit www.aagrapevine.org to subscribe or to purchase this book.

Just in time for the holidays, the Grapevine will offer free shipping on many of its items from November 1st through December 31st. These items include their books, calendars, and pocket planners Gift subscriptions and gift certificates are also available. Visit www.aagrapevine.org for more information.

Photos used in the Grapevine's calendars are selected by the Grapevine's annual photo contest. Deadline for submissions for this year's contest is December 1, 2017. You can submit your photos at www.aagrapevine.org/photocontest.

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

"Learning daily to spot, admit, and correct [our] flaws is the essence of [Step Ten]."

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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 or to get involved.

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Web: www.westsidecentraloffice.com

(Enter through the glass doors to the right of Coffee Renaissance and walk down the stairs or take the elevator. We are the first office on your left and there is a sign posted on our door.)

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.