Into Action!

Westside Central Office

September 2014

What's Happening at the WCO?

The Westside Central Office hosted a business meeting on Monday, September 1, 2014 from 7pm-8pm at its office located at 12705 SW Beaverdam RD Suite E, Beaverton, OR 97005. Below are the highlights from this meeting:

The Board President, Mark L, reported that we are still looking for volunteers who are available to work all or part of a 12-4pm shift at the Westside Central Office one Saturday per month. Two or more years of sobriety is suggested. Duties include selling A.A. literature and answering questions/providing information on A.A. to anyone who stops by the office. We currently need volunteers for the third and fourth Saturday of the month.

Mark L also announced that Districts 10 and 31 invited us to participate at their Pancake Breakfast/Post Conference Report on October 4, 2014 (see the Up Coming Events section for more details). We are planning on bringing a display on WCO to the event.

Public Information (PI) Committee Chair, Derek T, passed out a flyer for the PI Committee's workshop. PI is hosting the workshop on Saturday, October 11, 2014, 11am, at the Westside Central Office (12705 SW Beaverdam RD Beaverton, OR 97005). The flyer is available on our website (www.westsidecentraloffice.com) by clicking on the *A.A. Related Announcements* link.

The Literature Committee reminded everyone that A.A.W.S. is raising literature prices on October 1, 2014. Because WCO sells literature at cost, our literature prices are also increasing on October 1, 2014. Last month's issue of this newsletter provided a list of new prices. Now is the time to stock up on literature at the current prices.

In Old Business, we held elections of all of our service positions. Derek T will rotate out of the PI Chair position this month and into the WCO Chair position. Newcomers Ron W, Nancy W, and Andy D were elected to Treasurer, Outreach Chair, and Corrections Chair respectively. Daphne S became our new 12th Step Committee Chair. Mark L was reelected to the Board of Directors and to the Finance Chair.

The following positions are currently vacant: Co-Chair, Recording Secretary, one Board member position, Activities Chair, A.A. Hotline Chair, Cooperation with the Professional Community (CPC) Committee Chair, Literature Chair, Public Information (PI) Committee Chair, Treatment Facilities Chair, and Newsletter Committee Chair. To learn more about these open positions, visit our web site (www.westsidecentraloffice.com) and click on the *Help Wanted* link.

In order to get through all of the elections, we re-tabled the motion to adopt job descriptions for Office Volunteers and an Office Volunteer Chair position.

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WCO Now Has An Office!

The Westside Central Office has secured a physical office location as of March 4th, 2014. The office is located at 12705 SW Beaverdam RD Suite E, Beaverton, OR 97005 (behind the Curiosities Vintage Mall). We will hold our next business meeting at the new office on **Monday, August 4, 2014 from 7pm-8pm.** Everyone's welcome to attend. A map to our office is available at http://westsidecentraloffice.com/map/.

Stay tuned for more details on office hours. Anyone interested in volunteering at the office is encouraged to email us at info@westsidecentraloffice.com.

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

- **September 1939** – A score or more of alcoholics apply the A.A. program and recover in Cleveland, Ohio. This sudden growth of A.A. in Cleveland proves that A.A. can grow to a great size. Also around this time, the Cleveland Plain Dealer newspaper would run a series of articles on A.A.
- **September 30, 1939** - An article on A.A. titled Alcoholics and God appears in Liberty magazine. After publication of this article, Big Book sales saw an increase of several hundred and the early A.A. Newark Office received 800 pleas for help.
- **September 1947** – The first A.A. group in Brazil takes shape.
- **September 1947** – A.A. is started in the Eugene-Springfield Oregon area when eight members met at the YMCA on September 12, 1947.
- **September 9, 1948** – The Astoria Alano Club opens its doors for the first time at 145 11th Street in Astoria, Oregon. The first group in Astoria, known as the Central Group, would meet at the Alano Club on Wednesdays and Saturdays at 8pm.
- **September 1950** – The first meeting in Seaside, Oregon is held at the home of Earl E and his non-alcoholic wife Leona.
- **September 1951** – The first Oregon A.A. Newsletter, titled "Our Baby", begins publication. The monthly newsletter would carry state as well as national A.A. news. Each group would receive a copy in the mail and additional copies were circulated through the central office in Portland. 500-600 copies were printed for each issue. The newsletter would cease publication after three years. The Oregon Area would begin publishing a second newsletter in April, 1960.
- **September 2001** – In the wake of the September 11, 2001 attack on the World Trade Center in New York, exhausted A.A. members among firefighters, police, and clean - up crews form A.A. meetings at Ground Zero.

Upcoming Events

October 4, 2014 – A.A. Districts 10 and 31 Post Conference Report and Pancake Breakfast. 8:00am-9:00am (Breakfast), Speakers from 9:00am-12noon. Pilgrim Lutheran Church (at the intersection of *12th and Hall* -- 5650 SW Hall Blvd, Beaverton, OR 97005).

October 6, 2014 – Westside Central Office Business Meeting, 7:00pm-8:00pm, Westside Central Office (12705 SW Beaverdam RD Suite E, Beaverton, OR 97005).

October 11, 2014 – Public Information (PI) Workshop. Westside Central Office Business Meeting, 11:00am, 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

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.

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

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 .

A.A.W.S. Announces Literature Price Increases

Literature prices help cover the costs of the General Service Office (GSO) in New York. As GSO strives to become more self-supporting, it has become necessary for A.A.W.S. to raise literature prices to maintain the level and quality of those services and the financial health and stability of GSO. Below is the adjusted literature pricing schedule:

A.A.W.S. Literature Price Increase as of October 1, 2014

Item Number	Title	Current Price	New Price
B-1	Alcoholics Anonymous (4th edition)	$ 8.00	$ 9.50
B-30	Alcoholics Anonymous - Portable	$ 7.60	$ 9.10
B-16	Alcoholics Anonymous - Large Print	$ 8.30	$ 10.30
B-24	Alcoholics Anonymous - Large Print Abridged	$ 6.00	$ 6.00
B-35	Alcoholics Anonymous -Pocket Size	$ 4.00	$ 5.00
B-20	Experience, Strength & Hope	$ 5.00	$ 5.50
B-2	Twelve and Twelve	$ 7.40	$ 8.90
B-4	Twelve & Twelve - Gift Edition	$ 7.25	$ 8.25
B-15	Twelve & Twelve - Soft-cover	$ 7.00	$ 8.25
B14	Twelve & Twelve - Large Print	$ 7.75	$ 8.25
B-17	Twelve & Twelve - Pocket-sized	$ 5.50	$ 6.50
B-3	A.A. Comes of Age	$ 8.50	$ 9.50
B-5	As Bill Sees It	$ 8.00	$ 9.00
B-18	As Bill Sees It - Soft-cover	$ 7.60	$ 8.60
B-27	As Bill Sees It - Large Print	$ 8.50	$ 9.50
B-8	Dr. Bob and the Good Oldtimers	$ 9.50	$ 10.50
B-9	"Pass it On"	$ 10.00	$ 11.00
B-10	Boxed set Dr. Bob and "Pass It On"	$ 19.50	$ 21.50
B-11	Boxed set Big Book/ESH	$ 13.00	$ 15.00
B-12	Daily Reflections	$ 8.25	$ 10.25
B-19	Daily Reflections - Large Print	$ 8.75	$ 10.75
B-13	A.A. In Prison	$ 2.25	$ 2.50
B-6	Came to Believe	$ 4.25	$ 5.00
B-26	Came to Believe - Large Print	$ 4.75	$ 5.25
B-7	Living Sober	$ 4.25	$ 5.00
B-25	Living Sober - Large Print	$ 4.75	$ 5.25

A.A.W.S. is pleased to announce that shipping and handling charges on some orders will decrease. Below are the new shipping and handling charges:

A.A.W.S. Shipping and Handling Charges as of October 1, 2014

Order Amount	Current Rate	New Rate
Up to $50	$10	$10*
$51 - $250	19%	15%
$251 - $500	16%	12%
Over $500	No Charge	No Charge*

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