Into Action!

News from the Westside Central Office **October 2012**

What's Happening at the WCO

The Westside Central Office (WCO) held its most recent business meeting on Monday, October 1, 2012, 7pm, at the Beaverton First United Methodist Church (12555 4th Street, Beaverton, OR 97005).

The Activities Committee Chair solicited ideas for upcoming events from the body. One suggestion is to host a potluck with a skit on sponsorship, the steps, the traditions, etc. If you have an idea for an activity or if you would like to get involved with the activities committee, then email our Activities Chair, Andrew W, at activities@westsidecentraloffice.com.

The Public Information (PI) Committee reported that they will soon be hosting A.A. presentations to students at area high schools. Young people who are interested in helping out with this activity are encouraged to email the PI Chair, Derek T, at pi@westsidecentraloffice.com.

The Finance Committee Chair discussed the WCO budget for 2013. The Finance Committee will return next month with a proposed budget for next year. This will give the groups a month to review the budget before we vote on it in December.

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If you want to drink, that's your business. If you want to stop, that's ours! Call 503-684-0415

Upcoming Events

November 5, 2012 – Westside Central Office Business Meeting, 7pm-8pm, First United Church of Beaverton (12555 SW 4th ST, Beaverton, OR 97005).

November 10, 2012 - A spaghetti dinner will be hosted at the Central Bible Church (8815 NE Glissan ST, Portland, OR 97220) on Saturday, November 10, 2012 from 5:30pm - 7pm. Cost is $10/plate (Children under 8 eat free). Dinner includes spaghetti, tossed salad, garlic bread, and dessert. Proceeds from the dinner will help raise funds for the 2013 Portland Area Women's Round-up (November 1-3, 2013). Following dinner, there will be a speaker meeting (from 7:30pm - 8:30pm).

November 16 – 18, 2012 – Area 58 Quarterly Assembly, hosted by Districts 4 and 28, will be held at the Red Lion Hotel in Salem, OR (3301 Market ST NE, Salem, OR 97301). Visit www.aa-oregon.org/assemblies.htm for more information.

To list A.A. related announcements in this section, email the announcement to info@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.

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The I.T. Committee reported that the WCO website (www.westsidecentraloffice.com) averaged a new monthly high of 37 views per day in September. The previous high was 36 set in August of this year. The I.T. Committee also announced a new menu option on the WCO A.A. Hotline (503-684-0415). Now callers to the hotline can select option 3 from the main menu to hear "Upcoming A.A. Events".

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

Does your Home Group have a Central Office Representative?

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 Beaverton First United Methodist Church, 12555 4th ST, Beaverton, OR 97005. We look forward to seeing your group's Co Rep there!

Into Action! is published monthly by the Westside Central Office Outreach Committee. The Westside Central Office is a Central Office/Intergroup 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.

Get Involved!

The Westside Central Office has the following 12th Step opportunities:

A.A. Hotline Volunteers - 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 land line. To learn how you can help, visit the Hotline website at westsidecentraloffice.com/service/a-a-hotline/ or email info@westsidecentraloffice.com.

Public Information Volunteers – Informs 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.

Activity Volunteers – Interested in putting on social or service oriented events? Then join the activities committee. Email activities@westsidecentraloffice.com for more information.

Literature Volunteers – The Westside Central Office sells literature to A.A. groups and members at cost thanks to our committee of literature volunteers. If you're available to help purchase/deliver A.A. conference approved literature, then please email lit@westsidecentraloffice.com.

For more service opportunities, visit our website www.westsidecentraloffice.com and click on the "Help Wanted" link!

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.