Into Action!

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

What's Happening at the WCO

The Westside Central Office (WCO) held a business meeting on Monday, December 3, 2012, 7pm, at the Beaverton First United Methodist Church (12555 4th Street, Beaverton, OR 97005).

WCO now has a Cooperation with the Professional Community Committee (CPC) thanks to the election of new CPC Chair Nick F. The CPC Committee carries the A.A. message to professionals, such as health care workers, counselors, law enforcement, etc. who come into contact with active alcoholics. Individuals interested in helping out with CPC are encouraged to email Nick at cpc@westsidecentraloffice.com

The Public Information (PI) Committee Chair reported that they put on six A.A. presentations to students at Aloha High School last month. PI will host an A.A. presentation at the Beaverton Schools *Insight Class* on December 4th. The Insight Class is designed for middle and high school students who have violated Beaverton Schools' alcohol and drug policy. Young people who are interested in helping out with the middle and high school activities are encouraged to email the PI Chair, Derek T, at pi@westsidecentraloffice.com.

The Activities Committee Chair announced that they are planning a Tradition 5 and Step 12 Workshop in conjunction with A.A. District 23. The event is planned for late January or early February 2013. More information will be available at next month's WCO business meeting. If you would like to get involved with the activities committee, then email our Activities Chair, Andrew W, at activities@westsidecentraloffice.com.

The I.T. Committee Chair reported that the WCO website (www.westsidecentraloffice.com) now has a section dedicated to this newsletter. You can view the current and back issues by clicking on the *Newsletter*

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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.

Upcoming Events

December 31, 2012 – District 31 is hosting a New Years Eve party from 8pm to midnight at the Hillsboro Presbyterian Church (172 N.E. 32nd Avenue, Hillsboro, OR). There will be an A.A. meeting (hosted by Easy Does It Group) at 8pm, followed by the party at 9pm.

December 31, 2012 - CARE Group is hosting their annual New Years Eve party from 8pm to 12:30am at Frog Pond Church (6750 Boeckman Rd Wilsonville, OR). Drinks and main course provided, please bring any side dish or dessert you like to share. Open Meeting from 8pm until 9:15pm. 50-50 Raffle, tickets $1 ea, or 6 for $5, drawing at 11 pm.

January 7, 2013 – Westside Central Office Business Meeting, 7pm-8pm, First United Church of Beaverton (12555 SW 4th ST, Beaverton, OR 97005).

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

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link on our website. In time for the holiday season, the website also has a link titled *Twelve Tips on Keeping Your Holiday Season Sober and Joyous*. This is an article reprinted from the General Service Office's *Box 459* newsletter. The article serves as a good reminder how we all can be of service this holiday season. Moreover, it reminds us that we can go anywhere, including that alcohol enriched holiday party, provided that we have a legitimate reason for being there. Check it out and pass it onto your sponsees and home group members.

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 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.

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.