Into Action!

Westside Central Office

March 2014

What's Happening at the WCO?

The Westside Central Office hosted a business meeting on Monday, March 3, 2014 at the Beaverton First United Methodist Church (12555 4th ST, Beaverton, OR 97005). Below are some of the highlights:

Mark L, the WCO President, reported that the Board has located an office in Beaverton that meets our budgetary needs. He stated that in order to secure the office, we would also need to approve the purchase of liability insurance.

The Literature Chair, Joe S, reported high demand for the 75th Anniversary Big Book. He originally planned to preorder just 50 copies. However, these quickly sold out, so he preordered 100 from the General Service Office (GSO). To reserve your copy, send an email to lit@westsidecentraloffice.com. GSO will begin shipping these books in April.

The Public Information (PI) Committee Chair, Derek T, reported that they did not meet in February due to weather (snow). Last month, he emailed the Deer Park Academy to see if they would like a presentation on A.A. He's still awaiting a response. PI is also seeking ideas for its next outreach activity. Anyone with ideas for PI can email them to pi@westsidecentraloffice.com.

Our 12th Step Committee Chair is now vacant. WCO thanks former chair, Ben P, for his service to this position. We are now seeking his successor. Anyone interested in this position can email info@westsidecentraloffice.com or attend our business meeting for more information.

The A.A. Hotline is still in need of volunteers. You can learn more about the hotline, view open shifts, and sign up for a shift by visiting our hotline web page (http://westsidecentraloffice.com/service/a-a-hotline/).

The Corrections Committee Chair, Josh S, reported that the committee is still in the process of identifying facilities and communicating with other Corrections Committees. On March 6th, Josh will attend a training and orientation session for South Fork Camp. As reported last month, the Corrections Committee is in the process of bringing A.A. to South Fork Camp; a minimum security work camp located approximately 28 miles east of Tillamook. To get involved with Corrections, email the committee chair, Josh, at corrections@westsidecentraloffice.com.

In Old Business, Derek T was elected to Co-Chair. In New Business, the body approved a motion to purchase liability insurance for the Beaverton office.

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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 D, Beaverton, OR 97005 (behind the Curiosities Vintage Mall). We will hold our next business meeting at the new office on Monday, April 7, 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.

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

- **March 1940:** Works Publishing moves from Newark to a small office at 30 Vesey Street in lower Manhattan. Though something of a financial gamble, the move means that for the first time the Fellowship has a headquarters of its own.
- **March 1941:** Saturday Evening Post article on A.A, causes great national expansion and recognition of the fellowship. Membership in 1941 jumps from 2,000 to 8,000 at year's end.
- **March 18, 1944**: The first reported women's prison group meets at Clinton Farms in Clinton, NJ.
- **March 1966:** First A.A. group in Ecuador founded.
- **March 18, 1974:** First known meeting in Uruguay is held in Montevideo.
- **March 1978:** The A.A. Grapevine's circulation reaches 100,000.
- **March 1992:** G.S.O. moves their offices to 475 Riverside Drive in Uptown Manhattan. G.S.O. occupies the entire 11th floor and Grapevine occupies the 12th floor. Interestingly, this building was built by the Rockefeller Family who played an important role in A.A.'s early history.

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.

Upcoming Events

April 7, 2014 – Westside Central Office Business Meeting, 7pm-8pm, Westside Central Office (12705 SW Beaverdam RD Suite D, 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.

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

75th Anniversary of the Big Book

The Westside Central Office is taking reservations for the *75th Anniversary Big Book*. This is a limited edition first edition reproduction that will be issued by A.A.W.S. in April of this year. Because it is a limited edition, we believe that these will go fast.

You can either preorder through the General Service Office (an order form is available at http://www.aa.org/en_pdfs/f-180_BigBook75th_orderform.pdf) or through us. Each book is $12. By ordering through us, you do not have to pay until you receive your book. However, we're ordering a limited quantity, so we recommend that interested A.A.s place their order soon (preferably before February 28, 2014). To order, send an email to lit@westsidecentraloffice.com.

More information on the 75th Anniversary Big Book is available at http://www.aa.org/lang/en/subpage.cfm?page=495

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 .

We Are The Rivers by Kristin H. '93

Each spring, Mother Nature gives birth to many beautiful children. There are the cold new mornings which age and become bold, long days; the tiny intricate buds which grow and become boastful flowers; the clumsy fawn which matures and becomes a masterful deer. But there is also another, yet more fragile life which begins – it is that of the river.

The first few days of life are spent as a lonely stream, struggling down the mountainside courageously searching for strength to survive. As time passes, the young stream becomes a child whose innocence must confront many testing obstacles. Fearless, nasty boulders which bully the stream into confusion on which way to turn, which path to follow; long straightaways whose dips and valleys only slightly make life seem less eternal.

And as the stream continues, its pace quickens showing how the need for independence beckons. It flows reluctantly yet curiously toward the waterfall, unaware that it is no longer a youth. Falling awkwardly downward, the stream gathers strength, knowledge, and wisdom, which help guide the adolescent toward its landing into the awaiting depths of the mature waters.

It is this place where the challenged stream becomes one with the adult waters; one with itself.

It is here where the stream becomes a river.

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