Into Action!

Westside Central Office

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What's Happening at the WCO?

At our business meeting earlier this month, we elected Rand A to our recording secretary position. Rand also serves on our hotline committee. Thank you, Rand, for your service!

We also passed a motion to hold a Group Inventory. We will announce a firm date for this event soon. However, it looks like we will hold it sometime in September.

We recently updated our informational brochure. This brochure describes who we are what services we provide. You can download the brochure at the following link: https://westsidecentraloffice.com/wp-content/uploads/2018/06/wco-tri-fold-rev-8.pdf.

We also recently updated our literature price sheet. Recall that we sell A.A. Conference Approved Literature and Grapevine items at cost. That is, we honor the prices in the Literature catalogs from A.A.W.S. and AA Grapevine. We can do this thanks to the generous contributions from A.A. Groups and members. As long as contributions cover our services, we can provide literature at cost.

Please share our literature price sheet with your group's Literature Chair. You can download the price sheet at the following link: https://westsidecentraloffice.com/wp-content/uploads/2018/06/wco-price-list-summer-2018.pdf.

To get involved with Westside Central Office, please check out the *Help Wanted* link at www.westsidecentraloffice.com.

G.S.O. News

In 2017, the General Service Office (G.S.O.) provided services to 1,381,954 A.A. members at a cost of $10,222,650. That's $7.40 per A.A. member for the whole year! If every member contributed $7.40 one time, it would support all of the services G.S.O. provides to all groups, for one year! Therefore, Oregon Area 58 is challenging its members to send in at least $7.40 to G.S.O. on July 4th or 7/4. Just remember $7.40 on 7/4. A flyer that describes this event is on page 5 of this newsletter. Please share it with other A.A. members.

A poster on *Anonymity in the Digital Age* is now available from G.S.O. A preview of this poster is on page 6 of this newsletter. You can download it from G.S.O.'s website at the following link: https://www.aa.org/assets/en_US/en_anonymityplacard.pdf.

The Trustees' Literature Committee is developing a pamphlet on A.A.'s Three Legacies. They are seeking contributions for this new pamphlet from A.A. members that reflect a broad range of experience and diversity with respect to the Three Legacies.

Manuscripts should be 500-800 words, double-spaced, and in 12-point font. The author's name, address, and email/phone number should be included with the submission. Submit your story at literature@aa.org. Deadline is November 19, 2018.

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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.

Need A.A. Literature?

The Westside Central Office sells A.A. Conference Approved Literature at cost! You can purchase A.A. Literature on Saturdays from 12noon-4pm at our office located at 10220 SW Park Portland, OR 97225 (inside Cedar Hills Shopping Center). A map to our office is available at http://westsidecentraloffice.com/map/

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

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.

This Month in A.A. History

- **Summer, 1934 –** Dr. William D. Silkworth pronounces Bill W a hopeless alcoholic.
- **June 10, 1935** – Dr. Bob has his last drink. Alcoholics Anonymous is founded.
- **June 1941** – *The Serenity Prayer* is published in the New York Herald Tribune. A.A. members in New York and elsewhere all immediately feel the prayer's relevancy to A.A.'s principles. Soon the prayer is printed on cards and passed out to A.A. members everywhere.
- **June 1944** – The *AA Grapevine* begins publishing. 1200 copies of the first edition are sent out to 165 subscribers.
- **June 1947** – *The A.A. Preamble* first appears in the June 1947 edition of the AA Grapevine.
- **Summer 1948** – Dr. Bob learns he has terminal cancer, leading him to shut down his office and retire from his medical practice.
- **June 1949** – After forming in May 1949, the first regular election of officers for the Portland Central Office (renamed the Portland Intergroup in 1962) is held. Jerry Mc was elected chairman and May S was elected secretary.
- **June 17, 1949** – The first A.A. meeting in Klamath Falls, Oregon is held.
- **June 1953** – The book *Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions* is published.
- **June 1978** – AA Grapevine's circulation reaches 100,000.
- **June 2004** – AA Grapevine achieves 60 years of continuous publication. Grapevine is now 64-page magazine with over 110,000 subscribers worldwide.
- **June 2014** – AA Grapevine celebrates 70 years as AA's meeting in print!

Upcoming Events

June 29-July 1, 2018 – 41st Annual Summerfest, Hilton Eugene (66 E 6th Ave, Eugene, OR 97401).
More information is available at www.westsidecentraloffice.com/events/aa-announcements/.

July 2, 2018 – Westside Central Office Business Meeting, 7:00pm-8:00pm, Westside Central Office (10220 SW Park Way Portland, OR 97225).

July 4, 2018 – The 7/4 Challenge. Donate $7.40 to GSO today! More information is available on page 5 of this newsletter.

July 14, 2018 – Men's Serenity's 20th Anniversary Picnic. Harleman Park, Cornelius, OR 97113.
More information is available at www.westsidecentraloffice.com/events/aa-announcements/.

August 17-19, 2018 – A.A. District 31 Summer 2018 Campout. Camp Makuala (24005 Trask River RD W, Tillamook, OR 97141). More information is available at www.westsidecentraloffice.com/events/aa-announcements/.

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

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, 10220 SW Park Way Portland, OR 97225 (inside Cedar Hills Shopping Center). 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

"…we then look at Step Six. We have emphasized willingness as being indispensable."

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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.

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Area CHALLENGE July 4th 2018

2017

Number of Members 1,381,954

GSO Services Cost $10,222,650

$7.40
Per member per year

- Pass a special basket in every group –
- Every member contributes $7.40 on or before 7/4 –
- Groups send contributions to GSB after 7/4 -
- Members could cover GSO Services for one year -

$7.40 on 7/4

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Submit your contribution online at:
https://ctb.aaws.org

Or by mail at:

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Box 459
Grand Central Station
New York, NY 10163

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FRAGILE,
you can break it
with one finger!
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