Into Action!

Westside Central Office

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What's Happening at the WCO?

We hope you all are having a wonderful Summer and staying cool during this month's heat wave. One way to beat the heat is to stop by our office on Saturday from 12noon to 4pm for your A.A. literature needs. Unlike our old Beaverton location, our Cedar Hills location is nice and cool this Summer. As reported last month, our newly updated literature price list is available at www.westsidecentraloffice.com/literature/.

We continue to plan our Group Inventory scheduled for some time in September. Anyone who is interested in helping plan the event can contact the WCO Chair, Carla, at chair@westsidecentraloffice.com. We will have a planning meeting after our regular business meeting (Monday, August 6th at 8:00pm).

Welcome to John S to the A.A. Hotline Committee. John will help cover some of our early morning shifts. The hotline is a wonderful way to practice our 12th Step as it is frequently the first contact we make with newcomers.

Hotline Calls are forwarded to members' cell phones or landlines. You can volunteer for as little as one hour a week or as much as 24 hours/7 days a week. Volunteers may have any length of sobriety. However, we suggest that they have a home group, a sponsor, and have worked the 12 Steps at least once. Some familiarity with the 12 Traditions is helpful too (particularly Traditions 3, 5, 6, 10, and 12). To learn more about the Hotline, check out the Hotline Volunteer F.A.Q. available at www.westsidecentraloffice.com/wp-content/uploads/2013/11/hotline-faq.pdf.

Our next business meeting is Monday, August 6, 2018, 7pm-8pm, at our office. As a reminder, our September business meeting will be held on the third Monday, September 17th, due to the Labor Day Holiday. Our office will also be closed Saturday, September 1, 2018 in observance of Labor Day.

WCO has a number of great service position openings. This includes the Saturday office volunteer position. Office volunteers have at least 2 years of continuous sobriety. They volunteer one Saturday a month from 12noon to 4pm, sell A.A. literature, and answer questions about A.A. to the public. Interested individuals can contact us at info@westsidecentraloffice.com. For the current list of all our service position openings, please visit www.westsidecentraloffice.com and click on the *Help Wanted* link.

A.A.W.S. News

A new video about A.A. that is directed to employers, is now available on the A.A.W.S. YouTube channel. The direct link to the video is www.youtube.com/watch?v=IbJ5JFPXt8s&feature=youtu.be. The A.A.W.S. YouTube channel also has a video directed to Professionals and three Public Service Announcements (PSAs) in English, French, and Spanish. The direct link to the A.A.W.S. YouTube channel is www.youtube.com/channel/UC2nfvf9DeDA7QYvLeq4pQ-w. Feel free to use these videos in your service work.

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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 Way Portland, OR 97225. A map to our office is available at www.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

- **July 6, 1948** – Earl E, founder of the first A.A. meeting in Seaside Oregon has his last drink. Earl will attend meetings in Astoria before starting the meeting in his Seaside home in September of 1950.
- **July 1950** – The Twelve Traditions adopted by the fellowship at the First International Convention (Cleveland, Ohio).
- **July 1950** – At the request of some judges, a city jail committee is established by the Portland Oregon *Central Advisory Committee* (CAC). CAC changed its name to *Portland Intergroup* in 1962.
- **July 1955** – The 20th Anniversary International Convention is held in St. Louis.
- **July 1955** – The second edition of the Big Book is published.
- **July 3, 1955** – The St. Louis Convention culminates with Bill W officially handing leadership of A.A. over to the members.
- **July 1955** – Steve L. Loy, managing editor of La Grande Oregon's newspaper, "Evening Observer", attends a local A.A. meeting. A few days later, the newspaper runs a 600-word editorial on A.A. entitled "It Must Have Something". The editorial provides the residents of La Grande a clear picture of what A.A. is and what A.A. is not.
- **July 1, 2004** – The A.A. Grapevine Digital Archive is launched providing online access to sixty years of Grapevine content.
- **July 2012** – The participating groups of the Westside Central Office approve job descriptions and Guidelines for conducting elections and business.
- **July 13, 2017** - the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) classifies Westside Central Office as a public charity under Internal Revenue Code (IRC) 501(c)(3). Upon receiving this recognition from the IRS, the Westside Central Office completes the last major milestone of its formation.

Upcoming Events

August 4, 2018 – A.A. Delegate's Post Conference Report, 1:00pm-3:00pm, Barnabas Church (2201 SW Vermont ST, Portland, OR 97219). More information is available at www.westsidecentraloffice.com/events/aa-announcements/.

August 6, 2018 – Westside Central Office Business Meeting, 7:00pm-8:00pm, Westside Central Office (10220 SW Park Way, Portland, OR 97225).

August 17-19, 2018 – A.A. District 31 Summer 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. We look forward to seeing your group's Co Rep there!

Grapevine News

The Grapevine is AA's meeting in print. This month's issue is the Grapevine's annual "Prison Issue". This issue features stories of hope from AA members who are inside and out of the prison walls. Visit www.aagrapevine.org to subscribe to the Grapevine.

The Grapevine is currently looking for stories from old-timers for an upcoming issue on long term sobriety. Stories for this issue are due on August 20, 2018.

Besides stories, the Grapevine is looking for photographs and illustrations. Please visit www.aagrapevine.org/share to learn how you can contribute stories, photographs, and illustrations to the Grapevine.

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

"The Seventh Step is where we… move out from ourselves… and toward God."

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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.

Into Action! is published monthly by the Westside Central Office. 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.