Into Action!

Westside Central Office

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What's Happening at the WCO?

We hope you all are having a good Summer. So far, we have not had the kind of heat wave we had a year ago. Knock on wood that the great weather continues!

We are happy to report that WCO is now plugged into the Meeting Guide mobile app. For those that don't know, the Meeting Guide app was first developed a few years ago by A.A. members in California to provide up to the minute meeting information on Apple iOS and Android devices. On May 21st of this year, the project was freely given to A.A. World Services. Soon this app will take on new official A.A.W.S. branding. In the meantime, you can download the app to your mobile device by visiting our website, www.westsidecentraloffice.com, and by clicking on the "Apple App Store" or "Google play" download icons at the bottom of the web page.

Speaking of A.A.W.S. and G.S.O., they are currently undergoing an upgrade to their online payment systems. Therefore, you will not be able to purchase literature or make online contributions between July 24th and August 5th. This has also affected our office's literature purchases too. Our next literature purchase will be on (or shortly after) August 5th.

Our printed meeting schedule is now available at the mini market next to our office. The owner is allowing us to display our meeting schedule near the cash register. We figure what better place to potentially reach the still suffering alcoholic than in front a mini market cash register. We periodically stop in and replenish any missing copies. It would be great to expand this program to other businesses such as area hotels/motels. If you are interested in helping out, contact us at info@westsidecentraloffice.com.

Our next business meeting is Monday, August 5, 2019, 7pm-8pm, at our office. As a reminder, our September business meeting will be held on the third Monday, September 16th, due to the Labor Day Holiday. Our office will also be closed Saturday, August 31st in observance of Labor Day.

WCO also has the following service openings: Secretary, Co-Chair, Public Information (PI) Committee Chair, Corrections Chair, Activities Chair, A.A. Hotline Chair, 12th Step Call Chair, and Newsletter Chair. We are also seeking an office volunteer who is available one Saturday a week from 12pm to 4pm; 2 or more years of sobriety is suggested. Please visit our web site (www.westsidecentraloffice.com) and click on the *Help Wanted* link for more information. You can also contact us at info@westsidecentraloffice.com.

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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 5, 2019 – Westside Central Office Business Meeting, 7:00pm-8:00pm, Westside Central Office (10220 SW Park Way, Portland, OR 97225).

August 6, 2019 - $8.06 on 8/6 Area 58 Challenge! See page 5 of this newsletter for details.

August 17, 2019 – Post Conference Delegate's Report. 1:30pm – 3:30pm at St. Barnabas Episcopal Church (2201 SW Vermont ST, Portland, OR 97219). More information is available at https://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. Stories by African Americans on their challenges and hope in sobriety are featured in this month's issue. Visit www.aagrapevine.org to subscribe to the Grapevine.

The Grapevine is currently looking for stories for the following upcoming issues: "Getting through Tough Times" (due August 20th), "Emotional Sobriety – how is your life better today?" (due September 15th), "My Home Group – Why do you love your Group? Give us Details!" (due October 15th).

Visit www.aagrapevine.org/contribute to submit a story 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.

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Area CHALLENGE August 6, 2019

2018

Number of Members 1,418,177

GSO Services Cost $11,426,835

$8.06 per member per year

- Pass a special basket in every group –

- Every member contributes $8.06 on or before 8/6 –

- Groups send contributions to GSB after 8/6 -**

- Areas could cover *their own share* of GSO Services for one year – *contributions can be made online at aa.org*

$8.06 on 8/6 !!

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GROUP NAME/NUMBER_____
or
MEMBER NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

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Amount $_____ 2019 Contribution for $8.06 on 8/6 CHALLENGE**

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