Into Action!

Westside Central Office

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What's Happening at the WCO?

This month we learned that Cedar Hills Shopping Center, which is also our office location, has a potential buyer. The buyer plans to develop the property and we will lose our office at some point after the sale closes. That could be anywhere from one to two years from now. However, with rents continuing to go up, now is a good time to search for a suitable office in our price range. If there are any real estate professionals in our fellowship who can donate some help in our search, we would be very grateful for their assistance. They can contact us at info@westsidecentraloffice.com or call us at 503-684-0415 (extension 0). We will discuss more about our office search plans at our April 4th business meeting.

We made a literature purchase with Oregon Area 58's Cooperation with the Treatment Facilities (CTF) North Committee this month. The CTF Committee is putting together A.A. Literature Libraries for area Treatment Facilities. These libraries include a literature rack of pamphlets and soft cover books. They plan to keep these libraries replenished on a quarterly basis.

WCO's Treatment Facilities Chair position is currently vacant. We hope to get this position filled soon so they can assist the Area 58 CTF North Committee with this project. The Treatment Facilities Chair position serves through September of this year and we suggest at least two years of sobriety. Interested candidates can email us at info@westsidecentraloffice.com or attend our business meeting to learn more about the position.

Our A.A. Support Call Hospitals Committee received another generous donation of literature this month. Many thanks to the Real Alcoholic Men (R.A.M.) Group in Lake Oswego for their generous contribution of two cases of Big Books for this committee. This helps us continue our commitment to deliver a soft cover English or Spanish Big Book to patients that receive a Twelfth Step Call from an A.A. Support Call volunteer. If your Group or A.A. Service entity would like to make a contribution that is earmarked for the A.A. Support Call literature fund, then email us at info@westsidecentraloffice.com. You can also learn how to be a volunteer on the A.A. Support Call Committee by visiting https://westsidecentraloffice.com/help-us-carry-a-a-into-hospitals.

The A.A. Support Call Committee is currently conducting all 12th Step Calls over the phone or through video conferencing. We believe the hospitals will soon permit us to conduct our 12th Step Calls in person again. When this happens, we will need more volunteers. So, please consider volunteering for this activity.

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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 at our office located at 10220 SW Park Way Portland, OR 97225. Our office is currently open by appointment only. Visit https://westsidecentraloffice.com/literature to make an appointment.

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.

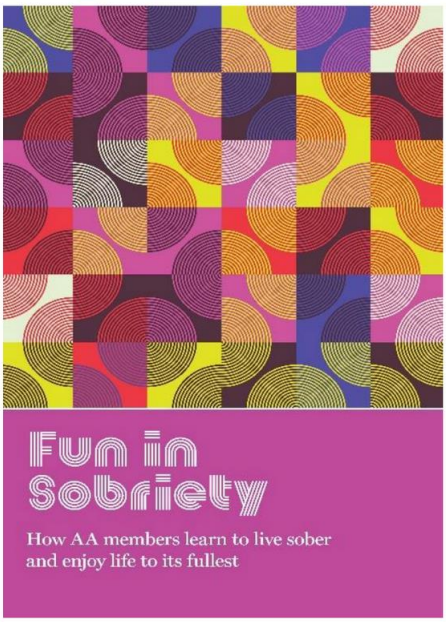
If you want to drink, that's your business. If you want to stop, that's ours! Call 503-684-0415

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 30, 1945:** Three A.A.s from Portland, Oregon visit a Salem minister, Dudley Strain, for the first time. After receiving A.A. literature from the Portland members, Dudley helps bring meetings into local prisons.
- **March 10, 1948:** Freck G, the father of Group Number 1 in Albany, Oregon, is admitted to the Oregon State Hospital for alcoholism. After getting sober at the hospital, Freck and his wife would attend meetings in Salem for the next 10 months before starting the first meeting in Albany on January 3, 1949.
- **March 1950:** Portland, Oregon radio station, KWJJ, runs a series of 15-minute broadcasts on A.A.
- **March 6, 1960:** Oregon Area secretary, Ed D, suggests that the secretary send out periodical updates to all Oregon groups. This practice would lead to the publication of the Oregon Area A.A. newsletter beginning in April, 1960.
- **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.
- **March 3, 2012:** At the March 2012 Westside Central Office (WCO) business meeting, group representatives and trusted servants approve the creation of WCO service committees such as Public Information, Cooperation with the Professional Community, Corrections, Treatment Facilities, etc.
- **March 4, 2014:** Westside Central Office leases its first physical office space.

Grapevine News

New book from the Grapevine announced!



This book features 50-plus inspiring stories by A.A. members who describe the many ways they have learned to have a good time after putting down the drink. This book is available at $11.50 from www.aagrapevine.org.

Upcoming Events

April 4, 2022 – Westside Central Office Online Business Meeting, 7:00pm-8:00pm. Email info@westsidecentraloffice.com for an invitation.

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~~ online. Email info@westsidecentraloffice.com for an invitation to our business meeting! 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

Step Three "… was only a beginning, though if honestly and humbly made, an effect, sometimes a very great one, was felt at once."

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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 or to get involved.

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