Into Action!

Westside Central Office

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What's Happening at the WCO?

As we reported last month, Cedar Hills Shopping Center has entered a pending sale with a developer. We have learned that the developer hopes to build apartment buildings on the site. It does not appear any retail space will be available. So, we will certainly have to move out of Cedar Hills Shopping Center soon.

At our last business meeting, we formed an Office Search Committee to look for another office location in the Beaverton area. Unfortunately, there is a shortage of small offices in the Beaverton area. This is especially true for offices in our price range. We probably will need to extend our search to outside the Beaverton area. If you have any suggestions for an office space or would like to get involved with our Office Search Committee, then contact us at info@westsidecentraloffice.com.

This past month, we noticed some broken links on our website that linked to GSO's website, www.aa.org. This was probably due to a recent upgrade to their website. They also accidentally omitted us from their website's *Find A.A. Near You* Directory. This led to a noticeable drop off on our hotline calls. We are happy to report that the links on the website are now repaired and we are back in the *Find A.A. Near You* Directory. Since getting back into the GSO's *Find A.A. Near You* Directory, we noticed that our hotline traffic is back to the levels it was at before GSO upgraded their website.

Just when we thought the website troubles were over, we noticed that GSO's website had another glitch this month and listed one of our trusted servant's phone numbers for WCO's phone number. We are not sure how that happened, nor did Julie from GSO's Website Services. It sounds like WCO was not the only Central/Intergroup Office that was affected by this glitch. So, if you are affiliated with a Central/Intergroup office, you probably want to double check your organization's information on GSO's *Find A.A. Near You* Directory on www.aa.org.

While we are on the subject of websites, we can use some help on our website committee. If you have some familiarity with website design and need a service position, please consider getting involved with our website committee. Having one more person involved can help us update our website in a timelier manner. Interested individuals can email us at info@westsidecentraloffice.com.

Of course, we have other ways for you to get involved with WCO as well. Check out pages 4 and 5 of this newsletter or click here.

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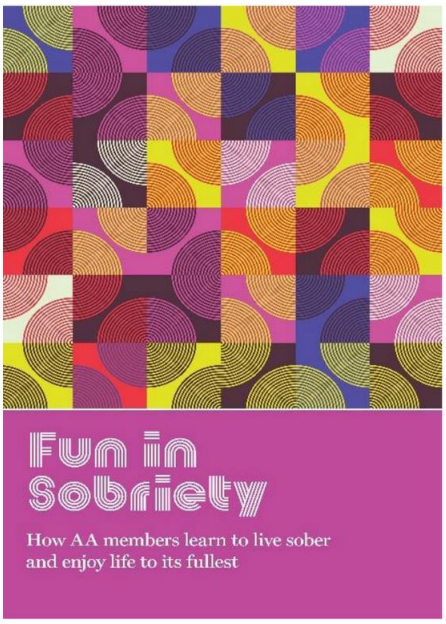
New book from the Grapevine!



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.

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

- **April 1939:** The book Alcoholics Anonymous is published.
- **April 22, 1946:** First A.A. Group in Astoria, Oregon is established.
- **April 29, 1946:** First A.A. Group in Salem, Oregon takes shape.
- **April 3, 1949:** The first *open to the public* meeting of A.A. in Eugene, Oregon is held.
- **April 1951:** The First General Service Conference meets. This begins a five-year experimental period linking A.A.'s Trustees with the entire Fellowship.
- **April 1958:** The First International Conference of Young People in A.A. (ICYPAA) is held at Hotel Niagara in Niagara Falls, NY.
- **April 1960:** First Alateen group in Salem, Oregon is started.
- **April 5, 1961:** First A.A. meeting at Dammasch State Hospital (Wilsonville, Oregon) is held.
- **April 1970:** G.S.O. moves its headquaters to 468 Park Avenue South in New York City.
- **April 1973:** The distribution of the book, Alcoholics Anonymous, reaches the 1,000,000 mark.
- **April 1976:** Membership tops 1 million for the first time.
- **April 1989:** The book Alcoholics Anonymous turns 50. To commemorate the Golden Anniversary of the Big Book, a cake sporting replicas of the covers to the First and Third editions is served at the General Service Conference.
- **April 2000:** The 50th General Service Conference is held in New York City. Conference Delegates also toured G.S.O.'s new office in Manhattan's Morningside Heights neighborhood.
- **April 2003:** The book, Experience Strength and Hope, is published. This book contains a collection of personal stories that appeared in the first two editions of the Big Book.
- **April 2014:** The book, Alcoholics Anonymous, turns 75. To commemorate the 75th Anniversary of the Big Book, AAWS begins selling a first edition replica of the Big Book printed on thick paper similar to the original.

Upcoming Events

May 2, 2022 – Westside Central Office Online Business Meeting, 7:00pm-8:00pm. Email info@westsidecentraloffice.com for an invitation.

May 20-22, 2022 – Oregon Area 58 Service Assembly. More information is available at https://www.aa-oregon.org/upcoming-assemblies/.

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

Need Literature?

WCO sells A.A. Conference Approved Literature at its cost to you. The WCO office is currently open by appointment only. You can request an appointment to purchase literature by emailing 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.

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, **online through Zoom. Email info@westsidecentraloffice.com for more the Zoom link.** 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 Four is "… the first *tangible* evidence of our complete willingness to move forward."

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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.

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.

THE ORIGINAL 12TH STEP CALL

JUST LIKE BILL AND BOB DID

Westside Central Office is looking for 12th Step call volunteers to carry the message to patients at local hospitals.

Take your message of **"Having Had A Spiritual Awakening As The Result of These Steps"** to an alcoholic still suffering, just like Bill and Bob did in the beginning, to continue our legacy of attraction.

Go to www.westsidecentraloffice.com/service/twelfth-step-calls , fill in the "Twelfth Step Call Committee Sign Up" to be added to the 12th Step call list.

For questions, concerns, or more information contact:
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West Portland Group

JUNE 11, 2022
7:30 PM

SATURDAY NIGHT SPEAKER MEETING

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