Into Action!

Westside Central Office

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What's Happening at the WCO?

After a wet and cool Spring, we began Summer with a heat wave! Now we are seeing some decent weather. Let us hope the good weather continues for the duration of Summer!

Although Summer brings a desire to spend more time outdoors, we would like to remind everyone that there is still a need for us to carry our message to the alcoholic who still suffers. Although it is likely that practicing alcoholics would not want to get sober around the Summer Holidays such as the Fourth of July and Labor Day, we as members of A.A. can still plant the seed in those who might need us sometime in the future. So, if you have some spare time, why not join one of our active committees such as Public Information (PI) or Cooperation with the Professional Community (CPC)? We also can use individuals who are interested in Chairing our Treatment Facilities and Corrections Committees. More information on these committees is available on page 4 of this newsletter. If you are available to call or visit alcoholic hospital patients, then consider joining our A.A. Hospitals Service Call Committee. See page 5 of this newsletter for more details.

In last month's newsletter, we reported that Tuality Hospital in Hillsboro was seeking support for their alcoholic patients. We were able to provide them some A.A. literature thanks to the generous contributions by A.A. District 37 and the Real Alcoholic Men (R.A.M.) Group. Both Groups earmarked funds specifically for Hospital A.A. Literature. We also received another contribution for the Hospital Literature fund this month from the OMAR Group. Thank you, OMAR!

If your Group would like to contribute to the Hospital Literature fund, please contact us first to make sure there is still a need for Hospital Literature funding. We always can use 7th Tradition contributions for our General Fund, so please consider supporting us regardless of whether we need Hospital Literature funding.

Our CPC Chair, Scott, also talked to our contact at Tuality Hospital about starting an A.A. Support Call program there as well. Our contact will discuss this idea with the hospital administration and get back to Scott soon.

Our Chair, Joe S and our PI Chair, Andrew, held a training session for the A.A. Support Call on May 30th. They plan to hold more training sessions soon. A.A. Support Call volunteers must attend a training session before they can make Hospital Calls. Email Andrew at pi@westsidecentraloffice.com to request training.

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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 Portland, OR 97225 (inside Cedar Hills Shopping Center). A map to our office is available at http://westsidecentraloffice.com/map/. We are open by appointment only. Email info@westsidecentraloffice.com to request an appointment.

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!

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The first Monday in July is Independence Day this year. Therefore, the voting members at the June 6th WCO Business Meeting approved a motion to move the July Business Meeting to July 18th, which is the third Monday of the month. The 7pm to 8pm meeting time will remain the same. We also hold our September business meeting on the third Monday due to the Labor Day Holiday. The third Monday was chosen so those who also attend the Portland Area Intergroup business meeting can still attend both business meetings.

We continue to search for a new office location. Thank you to those who have sent us some suggested office locations. Please keep them coming. And of course, if you are interested in joining our office search committee, email us at info@westsidecentraloffice.com.

Upcoming Events

July 18, 2022 – Westside Central Office Business Meeting, 7:00pm-8:00pm, Meeting held online. Email info@westsidecentraloffice.com for online meting information.

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 online during the COVID-19 pandemic. Email info@westsidecentraloffice.com to receive an invitation to our online 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

"…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.

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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