# Into Action!

Westside Central Office

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## What's Happening at the WCO?

We hope you all are staying cool during the heat wave this month. It sure feels like Summer has come on strong, right?

WCO held its July business meeting on the third Monday in July since the first Monday was Independence Day. At this business meeting, we discussed a concern with maintaining active committee members for our 12th Step Call Committee, the Hotline Committee, and the Hospital A.A. Support Call Committee. The PI Committee recently noticed a challenge in finding available volunteers off our 12th Step Call List to contact Hospital Patients. All 12th Step Call requests were eventually handled, but it required a little more work in finding available volunteers off our list. A Hotline Volunteer also reported that they had some difficulty finding an available volunteer to handle a 12th Step Call Request. They too eventually found someone, but it took longer than usual to find a volunteer.

Normally, the 12th Step Call list is maintained by our 12th Step Call Committee Chair, but that position is currently vacant. Our Chair, Joe S, indicated that he and our PI and CPC Chairs can divvy up the 12th Step Call List and contact the volunteers to see if they are still available to serve. Joe also said that they can verify our A.A. Hotline volunteer list too. The A.A. Hotline Chair normally maintains the Hotline volunteer list, but like the 12th Step Call Chair, the position is currently vacant.

Individuals looking for a rewarding service position should consider standing for the 12th Step Call or Hotline Chair positions. They do not require a lot of work and they really help us carry the A.A. message to the alcoholic who still suffers. You can attend our business meeting or email us at info@westsidecentraloffice.com to learn more about these service positions.

Many thanks again to Groups who sent us contributions that were earmarked for Hospital Literature. This month, we were able to provide Tuality Hospital in Hillsboro a case of hard cover Big Books.

Our CPC Committee Chair, Scott, this month spoke to a representative at Pacific Grove Senior Living. They are looking for connections with A.A. members and literature. Scott reached out to Dawn, DCM of District 31, to see if their TF Committee might be available for this service opportunity.

Is there a Group needing meeting space in the Bethany area (zip code 97229)? Or perhaps there are a couple alcoholics who would like to start a new A.A. meeting? A church contacted us and said they are interested in hosting an A.A. meeting. Interested individuals can contact us at info@westsidecentraloffice.com for more information.

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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 at our office located at 10220 SW Park Way Portland, OR 97225. Our office is currently open by appointment only. Email lit@westsidecentraloffice.com to request an appointment. 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 1, 2022** – Westside Central Office Business Meeting, 7:00pm-8:00pm, Held online. Email info@westsidecentraloffice.com for an invitation to join.

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

## 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

## 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 during the COVID-19 pandemic. Email info@westsidecentaloffice.com for an invitation. We look forward to seeing your group's Co Rep there!

### Grapevine
### Current Issue Spotlight:

This month's featured section is **"Sober Travel."** AA members share stories of staying sober while on the road or in the air.

### Submit Your Story for Upcoming Issues:

1. Making Amends — Did you have an interesting Ninth Step experience to share? How did it go? Were there any surprises? Share your experience. (stories due Aug 15, 2022)
2. Service Keeps Us Sober — What's your favorite kind of AA service? How has service helped you? Have you done service beyond the group? Your story might inspire other AAs to do service too! (stories due Sept 15, 2022)
3. Upcoming topics: What I Love about our Twelve & Twelve (70th Anniversary of the book); Mid-Sobriety Challenges; AA in the Military

Important: We're looking for stories of experience with each Step and each Tradition! (Pick a particular Step or Tradition and write about your experience!)

## "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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