Into Action!

Westside Central Office

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What's Happening at the WCO?

It was nine years ago this month that WCO leased its first office space. We would be in that first location, on Beaverdam Road, in Beaverton until we moved into our current location in November 2017. Now, 5 years later, we are looking for another location. We still anticipate moving sometime around June. We hope to remain in the Beaverton area, but due increasing rents and availability, we may need to locate somewhere else on the Westside. Right now, we are authorized to find a location within 10 miles of our current location (10220 SW Park Way, Portland, OR 97225). If you know of a possible location or would like to assist in the search, email us at info@westsidecentraloffice.com.

This past month, our Outreach Committee delivered two cases of Big Books to Tuality Hospital in Hillsboro. Tuality Hospital has been seeing a lot of alcoholics lately. So far, WCO has provided them with 3 cases of Big Books in 3 months. We do not expect the demand for Big Books to let up anytime soon.

Those in attendance at our March 6th business meeting expressed interest in expanding our A.A. Hospital Support Call Committee to include Tuality Hospital. Of course, we will need more volunteers in the Hillsboro area to make this happen. If you are available to make 12th Step calls for hospital patients, then please sign up for the A.A. Hospital Support Call Committee by visiting https://westsidecentraloffice.com/service/twelfth-step-calls (or use the QR code on page 5 of this newsletter).

Our hotline committee can use more volunteers, including a chairperson. The Hotline Chair position maintains a calendar of individuals and groups willing to answer the WCO phone. 2 or more years of continuous sobriety is suggested. The Hotline Chair position serves through September of this year. Besides the Chair position, the hotline can use more volunteers for daytime hours. You can join the hotline by visiting https://westsidecentraloffice.com/service/a-a-hotline .

AAWS has announced literature price increases that will take effect on April 3, 2023. Most book prices will increase by 20% and most pamphlet prices will increase by 30%. Since WCO sells literature at its cost to you, our prices will gradually increase as we replace existing stock. Now is the time to stock up on literature at the lower price. You can either order directly from GSO at www.aa.org, or through WCO at https://westsidecentraloffice.com/literature. Our current price list is available at https://westsidecentraloffice.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/01/wco-price-list-winter-2022.pdf.

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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.

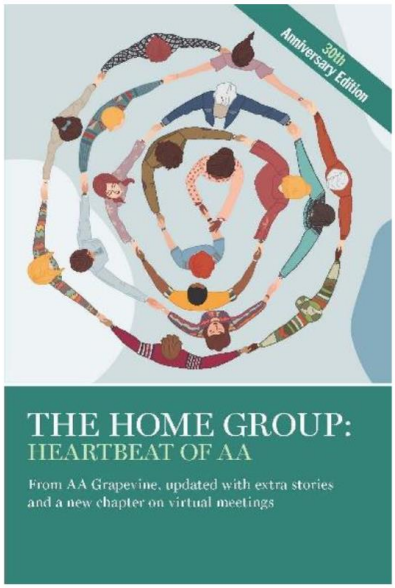
If you want to drink, that's your business. If you want to stop, that's ours! Call 503-684-0415

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!



The Home Group: Heartbeat of AA, the 30th Anniversary Edition, is a collection of stories by AA members who share the importance and joy of belonging to an AA home group. This book is available at $13.99 from www.aagrapevine.org.

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 online held on the first Monday of the month, 7pm-8pm. Email info@westsidecentraloffice.com for an invitation to our business meeting! We look forward to seeing your group's Co Rep there!

Upcoming Events

April 3, 2023 – Westside Central Office Online Business Meeting, 7:00pm-8:00pm. Email info@westsidecentraloffice.com for an invitation.

March 31, 2023 – April 2, 2023 – Oregon Area 58 Hybrid 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

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.

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

12th Step Call Volunteers are needed to carry A.A.'s 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.

Scan the QR Code below or visit
https://westsidecentraloffice.com/service/twelfth-step-calls
for more information and to sign up for WCO's Hospital A.A. Support Call Committee.

Questions? Email Clayton D. at:

12stepchair@westsidecentraloffice.com

ARE YOU LOOKING FOR A SERVICE COMMITMENT?

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Join one of the following committees today and help carry A.A.'s message to the alcoholic who still suffers!

- **Public Information Committee** (Informs the public on "what A.A. is" and "what A.A. is not" through literature, presentations, and public service announcements).
- **Cooperation with the Professional Community Committee** (Hosts A.A. presentations to professionals, such as health care workers, counselors, law enforcement, clergy, etc. who come into contact with active alcoholics)
- **Treatment Facilities Committee** (Carries A.A.'s message to those in treatment facilities)
- **Corrections Committee** (Carries A.A.'s message to those behind bars)
- **12th Step Call Committee** (Carries A.A.'s message to individuals who wish to talk to someone about A.A.)
- **A.A. Hotline Committee** (Answers questions about Alcoholics Anonymous over the phone. You can volunteer for any day(s)/times(s) that fit your schedule)

For more information, contact Scott C. at outreach@westsidecentraloffice.com or scan the QR code below:

Attention A.A. Groups:

Please send a Group Representative to Westside Central Office's business meeting held online each 1st Monday of the month (3rd Monday in September), 7:00pm at https://zoom.us/j/96414732619
Meeting ID: 964 1473 2619
Meeting Passcode: 748804

Our office is located inside Cedar Hills Shopping Center at:
10220 SW Park Way
Portland, OR 97225-5010

We are currently open by **appointment only**. Visit westsidecentraloffice.com to schedule an appointment.