Into Action!

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What's Happening at the WCO?

We continue looking for a new office space. After a slow winter with regard to office vacancies, we are starting to see some more office available in our price range. Hopefully we will find something soon. We can still use some help in our office space search, so email us any office space leads at info@westsidecentraloffice.com.

Work on our next printed meeting schedule continued this past month. We have been working on a new publishing method that will import the meeting information from our online meeting guide into a printed meeting schedule. We believe we have a method that automates most of the process. This will allow us to soon provide revised meeting schedules. In the meantime, please check the accuracy of your Group's listing in our meeting schedule at https://westsidecentraloffice.com/meetings. If you need to revise meeting information, click on the *Request a change to this listing link* in the meeting listing or fill out a change request with our Add/Update Meeting Information form.

Many thanks to the generous contributions of our A.A. Groups and members that allowed us to purchase and deliver one case of Soft Cover English Big Books and one case of Daily Reflections for the State Hospital in Salem this month. We were especially happy that we were able to make this purchase before AAWS raised its literature prices on April 3rd.

As a reminder, WCO will gradually raise its prices to match AAWS' prices as we replenish our inventory. We still have plenty of Big Books and other items for purchase at the old prices. So, now is a great time to stock up on Big Books. Visit https://westsidecentraloffice.com/literature to schedule an appointment to purchase literature from WCO.

Our 12th Step Call Chair, Clayton, reported that we need more female 12th Step Call volunteers. Interested A.A. members can visit https://westsidecentraloffice.com/service/twelfth-step-calls for more information or to sign-up for the 12th Step Call Committee.

WCO has the following service position openings: Co-Chair, Treasurer, 12 Step Call Chair, AA Hotline Chair, Treatment Facilities Chair, Corrections Chair, Newsletter Chair, Activities Chair, and Office Volunteer Chair. More information on these positions is available by clicking on the Help Wanted link on our website, www.westsidecentraloffice.com, or by attending our business meeting.

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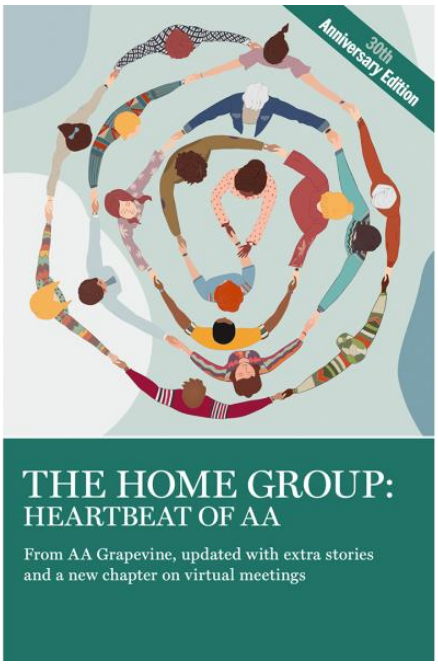
New book from the Grapevine!



This 30th Anniversary Edition is a collection of previously published stories from AA members that share the importance and joys of belonging to an AA home group. This book is available at $13.99 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 1, 2023 – Westside Central Office Online Business Meeting, 7:00pm-8:00pm. Email info@westsidecentraloffice.com for an invitation.

May 19-21, 2023 – 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.

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