Into Action!

Westside Central Office

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What's Happening at the WCO?

The Pacific Northwest Conference (PNC) is right around the corner, June 23rd through the 25th. We hope you all can attend the event which is being held at the Portland Airport Holiday Inn. PNC is the longest running A.A. Service Conference that was started by the urging of Bill W in 1948. The preliminary program is now available on their website at https://pnc1948.org/. See also the PNC flyer on page 7 of this newsletter.

WCO will have a booth at PNC where we will sell A.A. conference approved literature at cost for PNC attendees. We will also be available to answer questions on WCO's Service Opportunities. Please stop by and say hi.

Our Hospital A.A. Support Call Committee held a training session last month and plans to hold another one soon. The Committee reported that there are only 20-25 trained volunteers with only 4-5 that have been available to participate recently. We can really use more trained volunteers for the Hospital A.A. Support Call Committee. See the flyer on page 6 for more details.

The Hospital Committee also reported that the Behavior Health Department at St. Vincent's Hospital is interested in having an A.A. meeting inside the hospital that the patients can attend. It's possible that one of the A.A. Groups that used to meet in-person at the hospital may fill this void or a new meeting will get started. Stay tuned to this newsletter for more updates on the in-person meeting at St. Vincent's Hospital.

If you are interested in helping with 12th Step Calls outside the hospital, either in-person and/or over the phone, then you can visit https://westsidecentraloffice.com/service/twelfth-step-calls to sign up for the 12th Step Call Committee.

We have reported in previous newsletters that we may have to move from our Cedar Hills Shopping Center location by June of this year. Well, June is here and there is still no word that the sale of the Shopping Center has closed. So, we are still at our Cedar Hills Shopping Center location. We continue to search for a new office, preferably within 10 miles of our current location. Please contact us at info@westsidecentraloffice.com if you have any leads on a small office (100 – 300 square feet) that is available for rent.

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. If you have some spare time, please consider joining one of our service committees described on pages 4 and 5 of this newsletter.

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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.

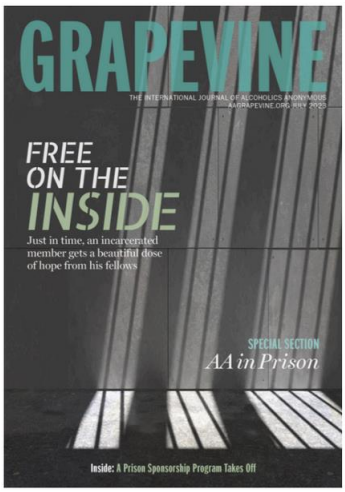
If you want to drink, that's your business. If you want to stop, that's ours! Call 503-684-0415

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!



This month is the Grapevine's annual prison issue. AA members inside and outside the prison walls share powerful stories of getting sober and helping each other. Visit aagrapevine.org to subscribe to the Grapevine.

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. Email info@westsidecentraloffice.com to receive an invitation to our online business meeting. We look forward to seeing your group's Co Rep there!

Upcoming Events

June 23-25, 2023 – Pacific Northwest Conference. Portland Airport Holiday Inn. Visit https://pnc1948.org/ for more information.

July 3, 2023 – 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

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.

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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.

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

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