Into Action!

Westside Central Office

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What's Happening at the WCO?

Happy New Year everyone! We hope you all are safe and warm after the big wind, snow, and ice storm that we had this month.

The big news for WCO is that our Office Search Committee has completed their task and secured a new office space! This is great news because the sale of Cedar Hills Shopping Center is moving forward. They already have signs that read "Future Site of Cedar Hills Apartments" posted in front of the shopping center parking lot.

The new office is smaller, but there is a conference room that we can use next to the new office. Since we hold our business meetings on Zoom, we can get away with a smaller office now. The best part of the new office is that it is only about $15 more per month than what we were paying for the Cedar Hills location.

The new office is at the Hampton Square Building in Tigard. The building is located near SW 72nd AVE and Highway 217. It's about 7 miles from our old location. Our new address is 6290 SW Hampton ST Suite #117, Tigard, OR 97223.

We are moving out of our old Cedar Hills location on January 27th and plan to reopen at our new location on February 1, 2024. If your Group has been mailing your contributions to our Cedar Hills location, please start using our mailing address which is Westside Central Office, PO Box 19911, Portland, OR 97280-0911. We have requested that the post office forward our mail from Cedar Hills to our PO Box. However, the forwarding only lasts a year and mail will take a little longer to arrive when it gets forwarded.

At our December business meeting we elected Jeff M to our Hotline Chair. Thank you, Jeff, for your availability! Click here to learn more about our Hotline and to sign up for a shift. We can use hotline volunteers for all days and times.

We are also pleased to announce that Dawn W has been elected to our Newsletter Editor position. You may already notice some nice changes to this newsletter. We are very excited to see what else Dawn has planned for our newsletter. Thank you, Dawn, for your service! If you would like to contribute to the newsletter, email newsletter@westsidecentraloffice.com.

Our A.A. Hospitals Support Call Committee reported that they had 3 requests in December. However, the volume of requests has been unusually low since September of last year. One of the organizers, Joe S, will reach out to St. Vincent's Hospital to find out why there may be a drop off in requests.

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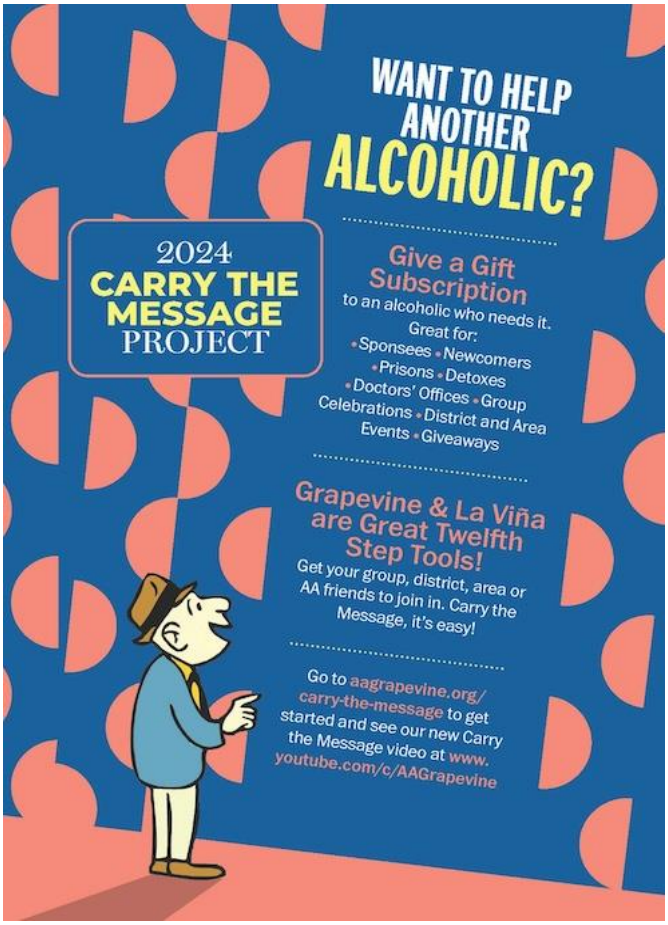
Grapevine News

January's Grapevine is on
Emotional Sobriety! Check it out at aagrapevine.org

Also check out the AA Grapevine Half-Hour Variety Hour at https://www.aagrapevine.org/podcast



Meeting of the Month!

Big Book Friendship Group
Wednesdays 8pm-9pm
Reedville Presbyterian Church
2785 SW 209th Ave
Aloha, OR 97003
Fresh baked chocolate chip cookies!

This Month in A.A. History

- **January 6, 1944**: The first regular meeting location for A.A. in Oregon is established at the Downtown Portland, Oregon YMCA. Although A.A. in Oregon was first established in March 1943 by Co-founders Doc H and Dan G, a regular meeting location had not yet been established until now. 27 people would attend the first meeting. From this meeting, 13 men expressed a desire to become members. A committee was elected and the first group in Portland, as well as Oregon, was established. This group would continue to meet here for two years before starting the 10th Street Clubroom.
- **January 3, 1949**: The first A.A. meeting in Albany, Oregon is held in the chamber of commerce building. The meeting was sponsored by the Salem (Oregon) Group.
- **January 1957:** First A.A. Group in India forms in New Delhi.
- J**anuary 1958:** As a service to its readers, the January 1958 issue of the Grapevine prints a chart outlining A.A.'s services and the Conference structure. Text in the top box of the chart indicates that there are over 7,000 groups registered with the "General Service Headquarters". This includes 500 in institutions (i.e., hospitals, prisons, and other institutions), and 760 overseas.
- **January 1959:** After years of failed attempts, a stable A.A. Group in Colombia forms.
- **January 1960:** First A.A. Group in Guatemala forms.
- **January 1962:** The (Portland Oregon) *Central Committee* changes its name to the *Portland Area Intergroup*.
- **January 24, 1971:** At the age of 75, A.A. Co-founder Bill W dies at the Miami Heart Institute in Miami Beach, Florida.
- **January 2006:** A Japanese General Service Board forms in Tokyo. At this time an estimated 3,500 to 4,000 members are meeting in 290 A.A. Groups in Japan.
- **January 2010:** The Intergroup Exploratory Committee holds its last meeting and approves the creation of the Westside Central Office.

Upcoming Events

We have a new DCM for District 10, welcome Kenneth L! He can be reached at dcm10@aa-oregon.org

District 31 has elected Roger N as DCM! He can be reached at dcm31@aa-oregon.org
And welcome to Sean G. Alt DCM alt-dcm31@aa-oregon.org

Oregon Area 58 Committee Meetings:
https://www.aa-oregon.org/find-a-meeting/#oregon-58-events

PRAASA 2024
When: Mar 1 – 3, 2024
Where: San Francisco Marriott Marquis, 780 Mission St, San Francisco, CA 94103.
Description: Registration Links:
https://praasa.org/registration/
https://praasa.org/espanol_form/
Hotel Reservations:
HTTPS://BOOK.PASSKEY.COM/E/50691279
Or call: 1-415-896-1600 or 1-877-622-3056 and ask for the PRAASA rate of $189

Oregon Area 58 Pre-Conference Quarterly Assembly
When: Mar 22 – 24, 2024
Where: Running Y Resort, 5500 Running Y Rd, Klamath Falls, OR 97601, USA
https://www.aa-oregon.org/assembly-information/

To list A.A. related announcements in this section, email the announcement to:
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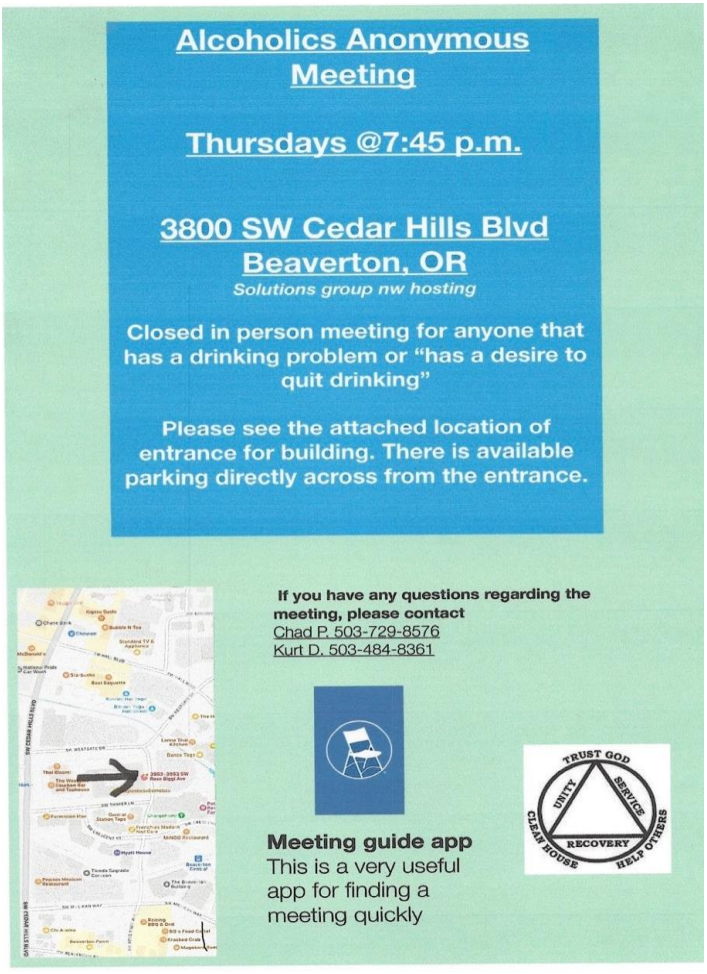

Get Involved!

The Westside Central Office has the following 12th Step opportunities:

Public Information – Volunteers are needed to help inform the public on what A.A. is and what A.A. is not. 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. Email tf@westsidecentraloffice.com for more information.

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.

Corrections – Volunteers are needed to help carry the A.A. message to those behind bars. Email corrections@westsidecentraloffice.com for more information.

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. We are open by only. Visit www.westsidecentraloffice.com/literature to request an appointment.

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 virtually. Email info@westsidecentraloffice.com for an invite.

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

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