Into Action!

Westside Central Office

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What's Happening at the WCO?

On February 6th, WCO celebrated its 14th Anniversary! Thank you everyone for your support over the years. It has been an amazing ride. But of course, our work is not done. There are still plenty of alcoholics out there who need our services. We have plenty of opportunities for our membership to carry A.A.'s message to these alcoholics. In return, members get to take out an "insurance policy" against a future slip. Click here to see our current list of open service positions.

If you rather not formally stand for a service position, you can still get involved in an active service committee. We have active A.A. Hospital Support Call, 12th Step Call, Hotline, and Newsletter committees. Email newsletter@westsidecentraloffice.com to submit an article for the newsletter or to find out what else you can do to get involved with the Newsletter Committee.

At this month's business meeting, the A.A. Hospital Support Call Committee reported that they received 2 support call requests in the last month. As we reported last month, the number of requests has declined recently. The committee is having discussions with St. Vincent's Hospital to find out why this might be happening. Hopefully we will see the number of requests return to normal soon.

The A.A. Support Call Committee will hold a training session on February 19th. Volunteers are required to attend the training session before they can see patients who requested an A.A. support call.

The A.A. Support Call Committee also delivered 2 cases of English Big Books and 1 case of Spanish Big Books to Tuality Community Hospital in Hillsboro. These books were purchased with a cash contribution from the Oregon Area 58 Hospitals Committee. Thank you, Area 58, for your support!

In last month's newsletter, we reported that we moved into a new office space in Tigard. Unfortunately, we reported the wrong address to the new office. The correct address is 6950 SW Hampton ST Suite 117, Tigard, OR 97223. The name of the building is Hampton Square. Hampton Street is near the SW 72nd Avenue exit off Highway 217.

We are still open for appointment only but hope to resume some open office hours in the future. The office building, like most office buildings in the area, is locked outside normal business hours (8am to 5pm Monday through Friday). So, rather than resume the Saturday afternoon office hours that we used to have, we may pick a time during normal business hours to hold open office hours. We also are looking for office volunteers again. Email info@westsidecentraloffice.com to learn more about being an office volunteer.

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Grapevine News

February's Grapevine is on
our Spanish speaking members! Check it out at aagrapevine.org

Want to get involved by don't know how?
https://www.aagrapevine.org/get-involved

Celebrating 14 Years of Service!

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2/6/2010 - 2/6/2024

Thank you everyone for your support!

Meeting of the Month!

Sunday Sunshine Group
Sundays at 10am to 11:15am
Westside Service Center
12945 SW Beaverdam Road
Beaverton, OR
Hybrid Meeting!!

This Month in A.A. History

- **February 1938** – Frank Amos, friend of John D. Rockefeller, Jr. assesses the Akron Group and explores the possibility of opening a small hospital for alcoholics. Amos recommends that Rockefeller donate $50,000 for the hospital, but Rockefeller refuses stating that the fellowship should be self-supporting. The philanthropist does donate $5,000 toward Bill and Dr. Bob's basic needs.
- **February 1940** – First A.A. World Service Office opens on Vesey Street in New York City.
- **February 1940** – First A.A. Clubhouse opens at 334 ½ West 24th Street in New York City.
- **February 8, 1940** – The A.A. Co-founders and some early members attend a dinner party put on by John D. Rockefeller Jr. It's at this meeting that Rockefeller informs Bill, Bob, and the early members that he feels A.A. should be self-supporting as far as money is concerned. This stance by Rockefeller would later form the basis of A.A.'s 7th Tradition.
- **February 14, 1971** – A.A. groups around the world hold memorial meetings honoring Bill's work as Co-founder of A.A. Bill died on January 24, 1971.
- **February 1993** – In a textbook example of country-to-country sponsorship, A.A. Mexico succeeds in getting Cuba's first group going. The Cuban Government had previously outlawed A.A. But after A.A. Mexico informed the Cuban Government of how A.A.'s program of recovery works, the government changed its mind and welcomed the Fellowship. By the end of 2004, some 200 groups have formed in Cuba.
- **February 6, 2010 –** The Westside Central Office is founded.

Upcoming Events

March 4, 2024 – Westside Central Office Online Business Meeting, 7:00pm-8:00pm. Email info@westsidecentraloffice.com for an invitation to the online meeting.

March 22, 2024 – March 4, 2024 – Oregon Area 58 Hybrid Service Assembly. More information is available at https://www.aa-oregon.org/upcoming-assemblies/.

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: newsletter@westsidecentraloffice.com

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.

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.

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 appointment only. Visit www.westsidecentraloffice.com/literature to request 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

Recovery Word Search

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