Into Action!

Westside Central Office

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What's Happening at the WCO?

Just as last month marked our 14th year anniversary, this month marks 10 years since we first leased an office for WCO. That office was on Beaverdam Road in Beaverton, a stone's throw from the West Side Service Center. As one can imagine, that caused some confusion between WCO and West Side Service Center. Moving to our Cedar Hills location in 2017 helped alleviate some of that confusion. And of course, in January of this year we moved into our new office in Tigard. The new office feels like an upgrade over our previous locations. If you haven't been to our new office yet, reach out to us for an appointment. We still have great deals on literature, including some Big Books at the old price of $9.50/each. You can see our current literature price list at https://westsidecentraloffice.com/wp-content/uploads/2024/01/wco-price-list-January-2024.pdf.

At our March business meeting, a question came up about days and times of our literature purchasing appointments. Appointments are available during the week, usually late morning, and early afternoon, and on the weekends. Email us at lit@westsidecentraloffice.com to request an appointment.

Our A.A. Hospitals Support Call Committee held a training session for 6 volunteers this past month. The committee also reported that the slow 12th Step Call requests may be due to some turnover of staff at St. Vincent's Hospital. The Committee is reaching out to the hospital to reestablish the level of cooperation they had last year. They also hope to establish cooperation in other departments in the hospital, including the Emergency Room.

Our hotline committee can use more volunteers, especially late night, and early morning volunteers. You can learn more and/or join the hotline by visiting https://westsidecentraloffice.com/service/a-a-hotline . You can also contact our Hotline Committee Chair, Jeff, for more information at hotlinechair@westsidecentraloffice.com.

Our 12th Step Call Committee can also need more volunteers, especially women. To learn more and/or join the 12th Step Call Committee visit https://westsidecentraloffice.com/service/twelfth-step-calls. You can also contact our 12th tep Call Chair, Clayton, for more information at 12StepChair@westsidecentraloffice.com.

For more service opportunities at WCO, visit, www.westsidecentraloffice.com and click on the *Help Wanted* link or attend our monthly business meeting (email info@westsidecentraloffice.com for the business meeting Zoom link).

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Grapevine News

March's Grapevine is on

our Spanish speaking members! Check it out at aagrapevine.org

(Sorry about the error last month, it's actually this month features our Spanish speaking members.

Meeting of the Month!

Sunlight of the Spirit
Kaiser Permanente Tanasbourne Medical and Dental Office Building
10315 NW Tanasbourne Dr
Hillsboro, OR

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.

Upcoming Events

March 6, 2024 *Ron and Jan Speaker Meeting Potluck* – Sober on the Book AA
8970 SW Murray Blvd Beaverton, OR

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/

April 1, 2024 – *Westside Central Office Online Business Meeting*, 7:00pm-8:00pm. Email info@westsidecentraloffice.com for an invitation to the online meeting.

May 3-May 5, 2024 – *Rogue Roundup*
Josephine County Fairgrounds
Grants Pass, OR
www.rogueroundup.com

June 21-June 23 2024 *Pacific Northwest Conference*
Red Lion Hotel
1225 N Wenatchee Ave Wenatchee, WA
www.pnc1948.org

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

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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