Into Action!

Westside Central Office

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What's Happening at the WCO?

Our A.A. Hospitals Support Call Committee reported at this month's business meeting that they have scheduled a meeting with staff at St. Vincent's Hospital to find out what can be done to increase the number of 12th Step requests at the hospital. The hospital administrator that the committee was dealing with has left their post. This may explain why the number of requests has dropped significantly in the last few months. The committee received one 12th Step request last month and held a training session for volunteers. To learn more about our A.A. Hospitals Support Call Committee and to sign up, visit https://westsidecentraloffice.com/service/twelfth-step-calls.

Our A.A. Hotline Committee can use more volunteers; especially volunteers that are available late night and early morning. To learn more about our hotline and to sign up, visit https://westsidecentraloffice.com/service/a-a-hotline.

Attendees of this month's business meeting approved a motion by our Finance Committee to reduce our 2024 budget by $2000. The reason for the reduction is because when we approved the budget in December 2023, it capped the rent budget at $500/month. Since the lease of our new office is $302.49/month, we decided to free up the excess budget for other A.A. related activities. Please attend our online business meeting if you have ideas for A.A. Activities that can be supported with our uncommitted funds. Our next business meeting is scheduled for May 6th. See the "Upcoming Events" section of this newsletter for more details.

In case you have not heard, the West Side Service Center (WSSC) has moved to a new location in Aloha. WSSC hosts about 22 A.A. meetings during the week. Their new address is 18653 SW Farmington Rd Aloha, OR 97007. This is in the Safeway/Bi-Mart Shopping Center at the corner of SW 185th Avenue and Farmington Road. You can find WSSC meetings through our online meeting schedule at https://westsidecentraloffice.com/meetings.

A map view is now available in the Meeting Guide mobile App. This has been a frequently requested enhancement to the Meeting Guide App. The feature was recently added and can be used by tapping the *map pin* icon next to the search textbox. The map view shows the meetings near you on a map. The Meeting Guide App is available here.

Looking for a service position? Join WCO! Click here to see our open service positions.

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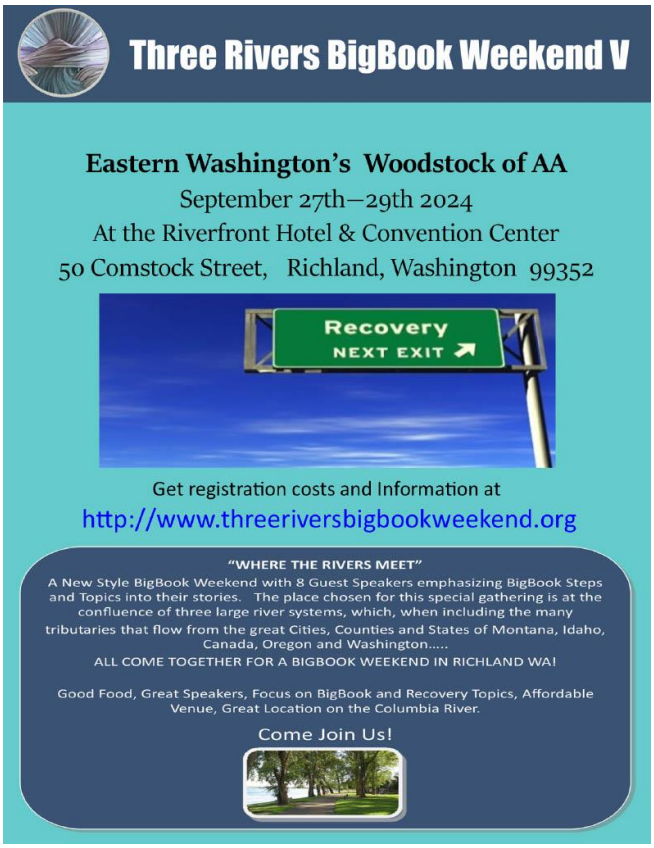
Grapevine News

May's Grapevine is on: How the steps changed my life.

Check it out at aagrapevine.org



Meeting of the Month!

Westside Service Center Moved!

The Westside Service Center and our groups moved to their new location on Saturday, April 27.

The new location is 18653 SW Farmington Rd, Aloha, 97007. It's located in the Safeway/Bi-Mart shopping center, at the corner of 185th and Farmington Rd. Our space is located on the South end of the shopping center.

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

May 6, 2024 – *Westside Central Office Online Business Meeting*, 7:00pm-8:00pm. Email info@westsidecentraloffice.com for an invitation to the online meeting.

May 9 – 12, 2024 – *Celilo Spring Gathering.* Celilo State Park off exit 97 from I84. Bring camping gear, tent, pillow, sleeping bag, food, water, ice and wood. Need details, call Shauna at 504-887-0000,

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

July 4-7, 2024 *ICYPAA* Austin International Conference of Young People in AA. JW Marriott Austin

July 3-6 2025 *A.A. International Convention* in Vancouver B.C.

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.

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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