Into Action!

Westside Central Office

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What's Happening at the WCO?

Our AD Hoc Committee to create a job description for the Hospitals Service Call Chair met through email and plan to present their recommendations tonight. I also plan to make a motion to add the recommended job description to our Guidelines during new business tonight.

We are out of printed meeting schedules. Thanks to everyone who picked some up. Besides being a tool for the A.A. newcomer, they are a great outreach tool as well. I hope to have a Spring printed meeting schedule ready for the printers by the end of this month. So, please check your A.A. Group information on our website and send us any updates soon.

Our office had a decent number of literature sales this past month. Thanks to Dylan for handling most of the sales! We sold out of some things, so we are placing a literature order this week. Let me know if there
is a piece of A.A. literature you are looking for so I can order it if it is out of stock. I will probably place the order in the next day or two.
For purchases: https://westsidecentraloffice.com/literature or email your order to info@westsidecentraloffice.com

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

To volunteer to be a 12 Step Call Volunteer, fill out the questionnaire at: https://westsidecentraloffice.com/service/twelfth-step-calls

The WSCO Hotline had 43 number of calls in March. Always need volunteers at the link below: https://westsidecentraloffice.com/service/a-a-hotline

Last month, our website received approximately 1700 users who viewed 8800 web pages or 284
web pages per day on average.

Want this newsletter emailed to you each month? Then subscribe today by completing the online subscription form at: http://westsidecentraloffice.com/newsletter/#subscribe

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Grapevine News

This month's featured section is "Making Amends." AA members share powerful stories about making Ninth Step amends.

Check it out at aagrapevine.org

New Chair Position

- Hospitals Service Call Chair - 2 years continuous sobriety suggested - 2-year term
- Has the time and energy to serve the Westside Central Office well
- Maintains a list of 12 step call volunteers that are available for in-person and/or over the phone 12th Step calls with hospital patients
- Receives 12 step call requests from participating hospital staff
- When possible, match up 12 step call requests to 12 step call volunteers based on their gender and age
- Makes a written report at WCO monthly business meeting
- Well-grounded in the A.A. Twelve Traditions, becoming familiar with the " for Treatment Facilities Committees" and & "A.A. Guidelines for A.A. Answering Services" from G.S.O., and becoming familiar with the principles and practices of the Westside Central Office
- Coordinates and cooperates with Oregon Area 58, Districts, and Intergroups
- Elected in September by Third Legacy Procedure, as outlined in the A.A. Service Manual
- Submits an itemized annual budget for the following calendar year, by no later than the date of the October Westside Central Office business meeting, to the Finance Committee Chair
- Has right of participation, motion making, and voting
- Failure to meet qualifications or report at/attend 2 consecutive Westside Central Office business meetings will result in an open position.

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 8-11, 2025 *Celilo Spring Gathering* Celilo Park off exit 97 I84. 10 Miles past the Dalles. Sweat Lodges, Speakers, Potluck, AA Meetings. Shawna 503-887-0000

May 16-18, 2025 *Holiday Inn Portland Airport* Post Conference Assembly hosted by Districts 35, 34 and 28. https://www.aa-oregon.org/register-may/ to get registered. $10 fee

May 31, 2025 1:00 – 4:00 pm *D15 Step into the Big Book Unitarian Univeralist Congregation* 710 Sixty St Oregon City, OR 97045. Get a new copy of the big book to highlight! Snacks and refreshments will be provided.

June 7, 2025 1:00 – 4:00 pm *D31 Cornhole Tournament* 494 E Main St Hillsboro, OR 97123. Team Sign up at 1pm, Games start at 1:30pm. Pulled Pork Sliders & Rootbeer Floats. Salad & Dessert Potluck. $5 suggested donation. Mimi 503-740-4983

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

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.

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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DISTRICT 31 PRESENTS
CORNHOLE
TOURNAMENT
SATURDAY JUNE 7TH
1-4PM
TEAM SIGN UP AT 1PM
GAMES START AT 1:30PM
PULLED PORK SLIDERS & ROOTBEER FLOATS
SALAD & DESSERT POTLUCK
2:30PM SPEAKER
ERIN B - DRY NOON
50/50 RAFFLE
PRIZES AWARDED TO THE TOP TEAMS
PLEASE CONSIDER MAKING A $5 DONATION AT THE DOOR
494 E MAIN ST HILLSBORO, OR 97123
CONTACT MIMI AT 503.740 4983 FOR
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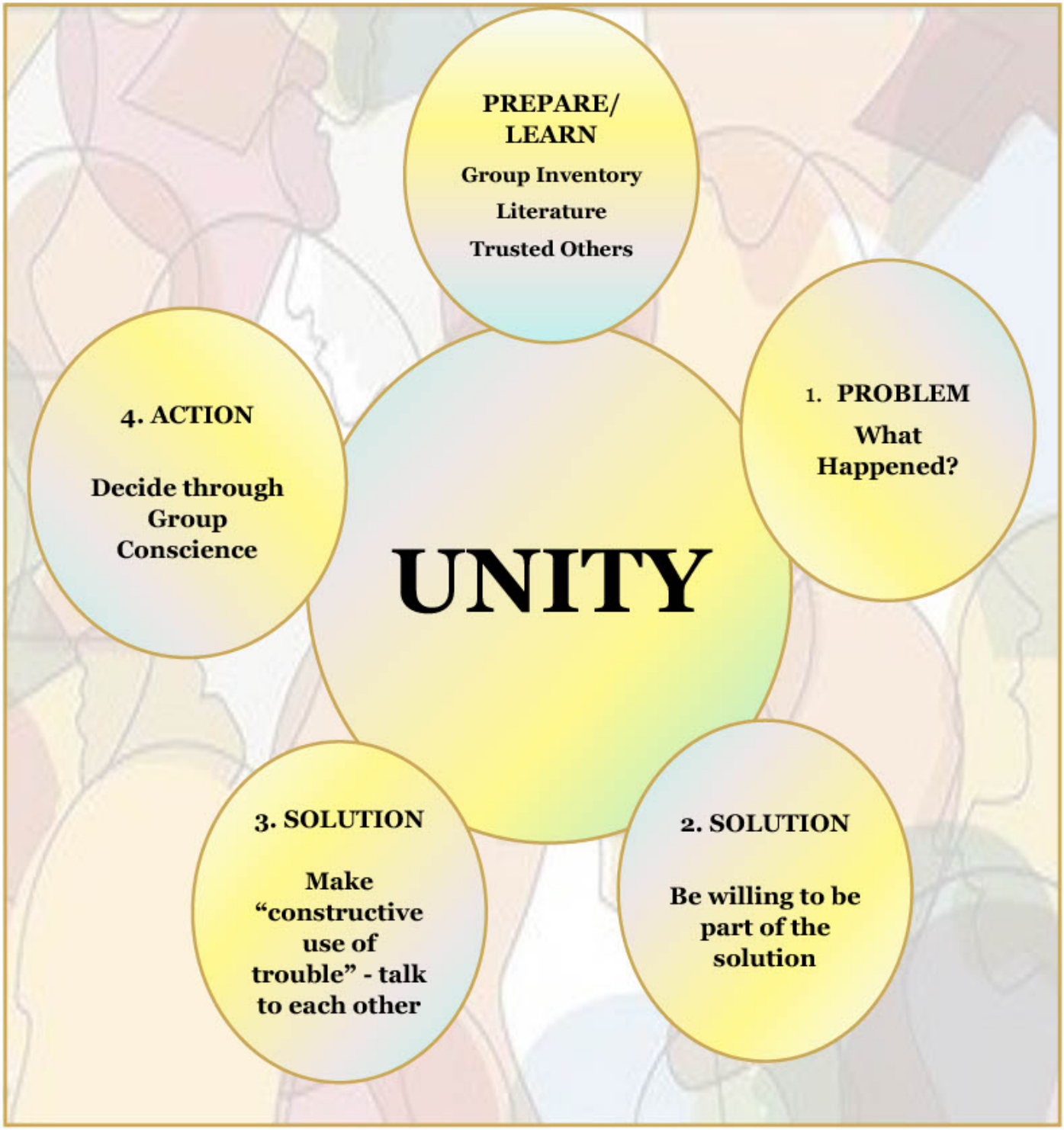
Protecting Safety and Inclusion

Personal recovery depends on AA unity, and AA unity depends on personal recovery. To reach loving solutions, we all need to work both the steps and traditions. Then we can communicate in the spirit of what Bill W. calls "*constructive use of trouble*." We can bring our best sober selves to whatever happens in our groups.

LEARN ABOUT SAFETY IN A.A. TO BE PREPARED BEFORE SOMETHING HAPPENS IN YOUR GROUP- THEN FOLLOW STEPS 1 THROUGH 4 TO GO FROM PROBLEM TO SOLUTION TO ACTION



2025 STEP INTO THE BIG BOOK

District 15 Sponsored Workshop

A simple guide to the 12 Steps of
Alcoholics Anonymous, directly from the Big Book.
We will provide a NEW copy for you to highlight
and underline as we outline each step.

Saturday, May 31st 2025 1-4pm

Unitarian Universalist Congregation (Pink Church)
710 Sixty St., Oregon City, OR 97045

Snacks and Refreshments will br provided