Into Action!

Westside Central Office

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What's Happening at the WCO?

This past month was that we signed a lease agreement for another two years at our current office location. The new base rent for this year is $324.48 plus $2.49 online processing fee. This amounts to a 4% increase. A second 4% rent increase will occur next year. The base rent will then be $337.46.

We were also invited sell literature at the next Area 58 Assembly, March 13-15th at the Clackamas Hilton Garden Inn, formerly known as the Monarch Hotel.

Our hotline received 15 calls and consumed 15 minutes during the billing cycle that spanned 12/15/2025 through 1/15/2026. The hotline activity was light during the last billing cycle most likely due to the holidays.

Also, to follow-up with my yearly report last month, I asked Garry at Portland Area Intergroup if they have seen a similar downward trend with the hotline. They also said that each year since they unveiled their website, the activity on the hotline has had a downward trend. He said that the number of newcomers to A.A. who call the hotline have remained the same, but the number of seasoned A.A.s looking for meetings continues to decrease year over year. It supports our theory that most people are becoming more tech savy and preferring to find meetings through website and the meeting guide app.

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

OPEN and Interim Positions:

Chair, Treatment Facilities Chair, Corrections Chair, Activities Chair, PI Chair, CPC
Chair, Outreach, 12-Step Call Chair, Hospitals Service Call Committee Chair. Please bring these open service positions back to your groups, sponsees and fellows.

In January, our website had approximately 2,000 users and 8,300 page views, averaging 268 page views per day. Compared to December, users increased by 18.4% and page views rose by 7.6%.

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

Grapevine News

February's Grapevine is on Getting Through Tough Times

The February issue's featured section is "Getting Through Tough Times," with powerful stories by AA members about how they use the Steps, fellowship and the tools of AA to get through adversity in sobriety

Upcoming Events

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

NEW Spanish Speaking Women's Meeting! LOS MIÉRCOLES A LAS 5:30 P.M. - HORA DEL PACIFICO POR ZOOM MEETING ID: 896 7924 3808 PASSCODE: 121212

Washington County is seeking women volunteers, please see flyer below.

Columbia Gorge HOWL
March 20-22 The Dalles Civic Auditorium, The Dalles, OR.

GSO is seeking submissions for two pamphlets and has workshops coming up. More info:
https://www.aa.org/sites/default/files/literature/Virtual_Writing_Workshop_Announcement.pdf

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

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.

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

Volunteers NEEDED

WOMEN'S COURAGE AND COMMUNITY MEETING OF ALOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

LOCATED IN WASHINGTON COUNTY CORRECTIONS CENTER
260 SW ADAMS AVE, HILLSBORO

Looking for female AA members with:

- Minimum 1 year of sobriety
- Available 1 Monday per month
- Commitment term of 1 year
- Background screening and fingerprinting process can take up to 3 months for clearance

Contact meeting hosts for more information:

Kerri H (503) 839-8939
Jen R (503) 757-5633

HONESTY, OPENMINDEDNESS, WILLINGNESS - LOVE

JOIN US ON FACEBOOK
Columbia Gorge HOW-L Conference

ROAD OF HAPPY DESTINY

MARCH 20TH-22ND 2026

ALL PARTICIPANTS MUST BE REGISTERED
MAIL REGISTRATION FORM WITH CHECK/MONEYORDER TO:
COLUMBIA RIVER GORGE HOWL P.O. BOX 973 HOOD RIVER, OREGON, 97031
OR SCAN QR CODE TO REGISTER ONLINE OR VISIT HTTPS://HOWLAACON.ORG

HOW-L CONFERENCE LOCATION:
THE DALLES CIVIC AUDITORIUM
323 E. 4TH STREET
THE DALLES, OREGON 97058
DOORS OPEN FRIDAY AT 4:00PM

Discounted Hotel Rate
Available at The Rayland Hotel
112 W. 2nd St.
The Dalles, OR 97058
(541)-296-3002
Group Rate Available Until February 19th!

JOIN US FOR:

- SPEAKERS
- WOMEN'S MEETINGS
- MEN'S MEETINGS
- AL-ANON MEETINGS
- CANDLELIGHT MEETINGS
- PANEL/WORKSHOP
- RAFFLE
- SUNDAY MORNING PASTRY & COFFEE SOCIAL
- HOSPITALITY ROOM
- OPTIONAL DINNER
- ENTERTAINMENT
- FELLOWSHIP
- SERVICE POSTION OPPORTUNITIES

Register by February 19, 2026 for a chance to win free lodging at The Rayland Hotel Friday and Saturday night (one winner). See website for details.

FOR QUESTIONS CONTACT JONNI H. 541-380-1352
HOWL1933@YAHOO.COM

Limited Seating, ALL PARTICIPANTS MUST be registered
Mail Registration with Check Payable to: Columbia Gorge HOW-L PO Box 973 Hood River, OR 97031

Name(s) _____ Email _____

Address _____ City/State/Zip _____

Affiliation: AA _____Alanon _____ Both _____ Other_____

#Registrations _____ $65 ea $_____ sub-total Registration

#Saturday Dinners (*by Feb 19*) _____ $35 ea $_____ #Chicken____ #Beef___# Vegetarian___

Scholarship Donation (thank you): $Any $_____ sub-total Scholarship Donation

** Merch Pre-Order (*by Feb 19*)** Color choices: a) gray/black b) black/white c) blue/white d) white/black

#T-shirts	S-XL_____ $25 ea	2XL-3XL____	$30 ea	$_____	Color_____
#Hoodies	S-XL_____ $50 ea	2XL-3XL____	$55 ea	$_____	Color_____
#1/4 zip sweat	S-XL_____ $50 ea	2XL-3XL____	$55 ea	$_____	Color_____

TOTAL INCLUDED: $_____ Total

Gray/Black example

*Volunteers needed! Name/Phone if interested:*_____

Note: Orders for Dinners and Shirts must be placed by Feb 19, 2026 (some merch also available at event)

JUL 26 – AUG 2, 2026

Beacon Rock State Park
Group Campsite
Stevenson, WA

AA IN THE WOODS

30th Annual Campout

MEETINGS & FELLOWSHIP

HIKES & YOGA

POTLUCKS & CAMPFIRE JAMS

SWIM & PADDLE SPORTS BEACH

NIGHTLY POKER TOURNAMENTS

AND MORE!!!

$40/adult *for the week*

KIDS CAMP FOR FREE! (UNDER 18)

Contacts |
Jordana S: 503.516.2151
Lisa B: 503.577.1279
AAITWcampout@gmail.com

Register online at:
AAitwcampout.org

A limited number of well-behaved dogs will be allowed at the campout this year. See the website or contact us for requirements and complete details.

Into Action! is published monthly by the Westside Central Office. The Westside Central Office is an Intergroup/Central Office serving the A.A. community in the Western Portland Oregon metropolitan area. Our primary purpose is to serve our A.A. groups and members by helping them carry the message to the alcoholic who still suffers. More information is available at www.westsidecentraloffice.com. Direct all correspondence to: email: info@westsidecentraloffce.com phone: 503-684-0415 (extension 0) mail: Westside Central Office, P.O. Box 19911, Portland, OR 97280-0911.