Into Action!

Westside Central Office

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What's Happening at the WCO?

We had one patient request from Providence St. Vincent to connect with an AA member, and one today that was for in person. We are still awaiting someone to be available to visit a female patient. This is our biggest struggle. We rarely have an issue filling phone call requests, but with in-person it is always a challenge.

This is one reason why we really need a chair of the Hospitals Service Call committee, to do outreach, train, and maintain the list. I sent the WCO report to Oregon Area 58 in lieu of the March assembly, which I will be attending live on Sunday to give our report and help with the WCO table.

We ALWAYS need 12 Step Volunteers to further expand in- person/hospital visits. Please signup for our training, in-person is a great 12 th Step experience!

February 6 marked the 16th anniversary of WCO's founding. We could not have reached this milestone without your generous support and service. Thank you all for 16 wonderful years!

After last month's business meeting, our Board met to discuss our booth at the March 13 th - 15 th Area Assembly. Thanks to those who signed up for booth duty.

This past month, we purchased a traveler router for use at our booth. This will allow us to connect our Square terminal to the Hotel's captive Wi-Fi. The Square terminal allows us to take credit card orders.

We also purchased literature for resale at the upcoming assembly and at our office. Only two items were out of stock. The PI Workbook is out of stock and the regular edition of Daily Reflections is on backorder.

We received a memo from AAWS today stating that Daily Reflections is currently on back order due to a binding issue. Pages were falling out of some newly printed copies. They are working with their publisher to resolve the problem.

We reached out to PAI to see if we could buy copies of the PI Workbook and Daily Reflections from them. They did not have the PI Workbook in stock but they can sell us Daily Reflections. We ordered one copy from them since that's all we were looking to buy from AAWS.

We will have at least two copies of the PI Workbook to sell at the Assembly. Hopefully we can obtain more before the assembly. We will have at least 10 of each workbook for all other committees.

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Grapevine News

March 2026

AA & the Family. The March issue's featured section is "AA and the Family" with touching, powerful stories by AA members about alcoholism and AA has affected their families.

Happy Sweet 16 Westside Central Office!

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

Oregon Area 58 Pre-Conference Quarterly Assembly
When: Mar 13-15, 2026
Where: Hilton Garden Inn, Clackamas
https://www.aa-oregon.org/assembly-information/

District 31 Cornhole Tournament
When: March 28, 2026
Where: 494 E Main St Hillsboro, OR 97123

PNC June 26-28, 2026 Heathman Lodge Vancouver, WA

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

OREGON AREA 58 ASSEMBLY

MARCH 13-15 2026

Hilton Garden Inn
12566 Se 93rd Ave
Clackamas

Service

The Heartbeat of Sobriety

SATURDAY NIGHT

- **DINNER SPEAKER: JENNIFER B., TRUSTEE AT LARGE, U.S.**
- **LINE DANCING LESSONS**

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YOU HAVE A STORY TO TELL !

In response to two 2024 General Service Conference Advisory Actions, the trustees' Literature Committee of A.A. has assigned Working Groups to help develop **two** pamphlets:

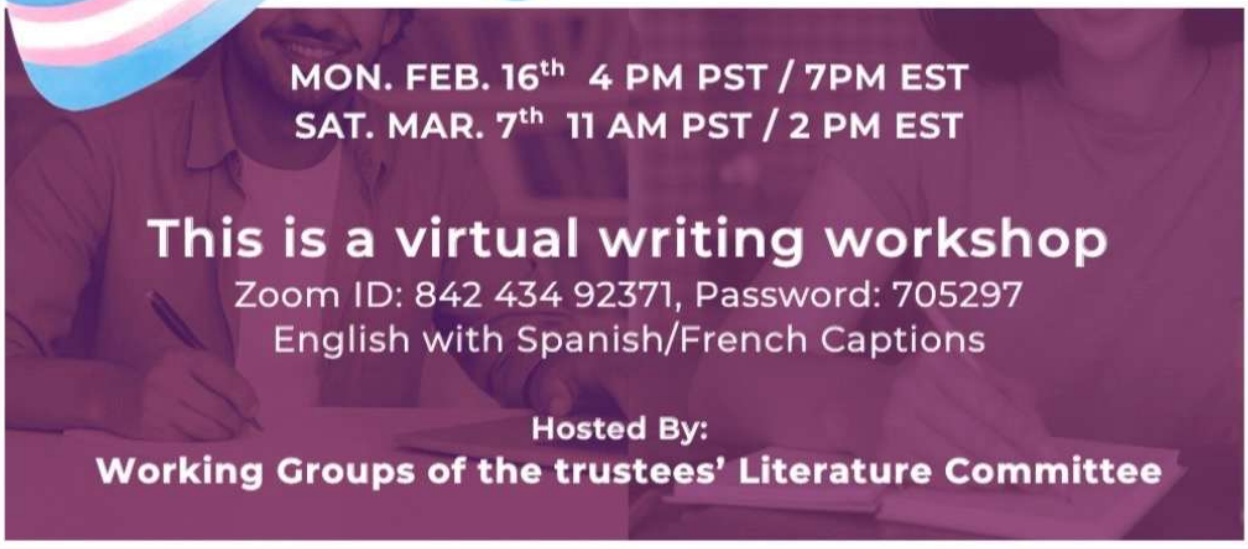
PAMPHLET FOR THE TRANSGENDER ALCOHOLIC

&

PAMPHLET FOR THE ASIAN ALCOHOLIC

In answer to their request for stories sharing the experience, strength and hope of our transgender, gender-diverse, Two-Spirit members, and members of Asian descent, we are hosting multiple **Virtual Writing Workshops** facilitated by members of the Working Group. They will offer you ideas and assistance as you write your own story. **Workshop is open to all interested in writing their A.A. stories**. You might want to bring pen/pencils, a notebook or journal and sticky notes.

SCAN HERE FOR MORE INFORMATION & MORE WORKSHOPS
www.area05aa.org/writing-workshops



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