

Squad Liaison Bulletin

November 2013

Thank you for being our link to your squad. Please relay the info during your general meeting.

Recent Improvements to WSA

There has been a lot going on at WSA. We recently created a mid-size meeting room by combining the nursery space with the adjacent room.

Room #3 will accommodate groups from 15 to 30 people. It is great for Big Book Study Groups and others not requiring the big room but too large for a regular meeting room. Special thanks to board members Jeff M and David G for their skills and labor. The room also has new carpeting.

Also recently recarpeted is the Big Room. The existing carpet was six years old and had seen lots of traffic and spills. **Please try to keep it clean.** Hold on to your coffee and sodas.

Brrrrrrr.....

Winter is here!!! along with the ice and snow. The lot will be plowed & the sidewalks shoveled. However, if there is fresh snow on the front walk, pick up the shovel and clean it off. If the sidewalk is icy please take it upon yourself to sprinkle some ice melt or sand on it. (These will be available near the front door).

The heat in the building is ON. Please don't open any windows.

Changes to our Meeting Schedule

A couple of meetings previously held at WSA **are no longer meeting.** They are: **Monday Men's AA** (Basket Cases) @ 7:30 PM and **Sunday OA** @ 5:30 PM. New meeting schedule cards reflect these changes.

If you would like to start a new meeting at the Alano, please contact the Board.

Holidays

As we enter the Holiday Season and our lives become more hectic, we need our meetings more than ever. **WSA meetings are always held as scheduled, we do not close for the holidays.** Squad leaders are responsible to see that a WSA member is in attendance to open & close the building. We set up two decorated Christmas trees just after Thanksgiving that lends a festive atmosphere to the alano.

WSA sponsors a **Christmas Day Dinner.** Member volunteers cook up a mean turkey and ham dinner, with stuffing, mashed potatoes & gravy. **The rest of the fixins are potluck, provided by those in attendance.** This is a family event, so feel free to bring family or friends. You don't have to bring a potluck item - just come & spend Christmas with your AA family & friends. Watch for more details.

If there is a squad or a group of people who would like to **sponsor a potluck Thanksgiving dinner, Fall Festival or Holiday Party, please contact the board.** This is a great opportunity for service work and to get to know more of the people who attend meetings here.

Get Involved - Serve on WSA Board

WSA operates with an ALL VOLUNTEER board, comprised of nine elected members. They supervise all of the daily operations including use of, property maintenance, receipt & disbursement of funds, membership, keeping of records, bookkeeping, special events, etc.

We have **three openings for new board members every year** at the annual meeting & election held each spring. The terms for board members is three years. We strive for enthusiasm & fresh ideas. **We need WSA members to sign up for or nominate someone for the election.** Must be a member of WSA for one year. Share your knowledge & skills. Be a part of keeping WSA a great place for those in recovery for many years to come!!

A Taxing Situation

We need a CPA to file our yearly taxes & forms. If you are interested and have experience with non-profit organizations, please contact Connie, treasurer or David G, president / assistant treasurer at westsuburbanalano@gmail.com.

WSA 12-Month Calendar

The WSA Calendar (4th Annual) will be available again this year ... in time for the Holidays. **These make great gifts!** In fact, they keep on giving all year long. Don't forget to buy one for yourself, too! **All proceeds from Calendar sales go to the WSA Wish Fund.**

A **limited number** of calendars will be printed. **If you plan to purchase a calendar, please sign up** (sheet on orange table in foyer). Watch for further details. Barb F @ 612-327-8711.

Depositing Rent in Office Slot

When you put your meeting rent into the office door slot - please **double check** to see that the envelope has dropped in.

Member Dues

Contribution envelopes are on the bookshelf in the entry foyer. **Please bring your dues up-to-date...**

Membership for WSA is available to all who attend meetings here. Fill out an application (on foyer bookshelf) and drop in office slot. Your membership helps us to keep our doors open.

PLEASE NOTE: WSA is available to those needing a place to meet for Big Book Study Groups, program related Conferences etc. Please contact the board.

The WSA board meets the first Monday of each month at 6:00 pm. You are welcome to attend.