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ANSWERING SERVICE

Please mail contributions to: Answering Service - District 23, PO Box 1698, Greensburg, PA 15601. Please make them payable to "Answering Service, District 23" and put your group name on any checks.

TO ALL HOME GROUPS – If your group has any changes, please contact the Editor, and it will be listed in the Informer. Also please notify Richard K. of any changes so that the Answering Service and PI/CPC will give out correct meeting information. Contact numbers are on the front of this newsletter.

Please note that the Answering Service phone number has changed! We now have a toll-free number, thanks to your generous contributions. The number is listed on the front page of this newsletter. Pass it on!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Don't miss District 23 H & I Committee's 12th Annual Picnic, Saturday, August 22! The event will be held at St. Vincent Grove from noon until 5:30 pm. Carol G. from Homestead Tuesday Night will speak at a 4:30 meeting. Hamburgers and hotdogs will be cooking, but please bring a covered dish or dessert to share! There will be games for kids, raffles, bingo and much more!



The AA Grapevine, our monthly meeting in print, is a very useful tool for your sobriety and can go wherever you go. The magazine is delivered every month in a plain wrapper, so if your neighbors don't already know you're an alcoholic, your Grapevine magazine won't tip them off!

The Grapevine is a perfect gift for sponsees and friends in the program. You can see me or your home group's Grapevine representative for subscription forms and pricing, which may have changed. Thank you!

*Stan K.,
Grapevine Rep.*

PI/CPC

Hello District 23! PI/CPC continues its work of informing the public of AA's commitment to helping the still-suffering alcoholic in jails, institutions and elsewhere.

We have been dropping literature off at different places, including doctors' and attorneys' offices, as well as the Southwestern Pennsylvania Human Services (SPHS). We are also contacting publications or magazines to carry the message.

*Richard K.,
PI/CPC Rep.,
and Leo H.*

HOME GROUP HISTORY

Unity Twelve Step

The Unity Twelve Step Group commenced with its first meeting on Friday, January 25, 1991, in the St. Vincent College cafeteria at 8:00 p.m. It was stated that hopefully the group would follow the format used in 12 Step groups in Maryland. Namely, instead of having group discussions as based on the reading of the steps in the context of the meeting itself, the new group presumes that the participants have read the step sometime during the week before it is to be discussed. At each meeting, a Step Presenter shares his experience, strength and hope in working the particular step for ten to fifteen minutes and states where he is with regard to sobriety and the 12 Steps. Then, he opens up the discussion to the other people present.

Newcomers stay with the long timers for the step discussion. In this way, they can learn how to work the steps from those who have worked them. They also can hear the long timers share their experience, strength and hope. Thereby, the newcomers can gain strength and hope themselves in recovery, looking forward to a better and more fulfilling way of living life in sobriety according to the spirituality of the program found in the Big Book and the Twelve Steps and Twelve traditions.

This meeting was begun as a 12 Step discussion meeting because the group holds the firm conviction that a psychic change and spiritual recovery occur through the working of the 12 Steps.

Nineteen people were gathered at the first meeting: Larry H., Chairperson; Joe W., Presenter of Step One; Richard C.; Xavier E.; Daniel L.; Sue M.; Kathy; Ralph H.; Jonathan T.; Joe; Ted V.; Bob S.; Jim C.; Tom W.; Tom; Ed N.; Bill; Scott; and Jerome H.