

# THE 23 INFORMER

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# **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

## **DCM REPORT**

To my fellow AA's:

I would like to thank Randy H. for attending the fourth quarterly meeting. The Area 60 Registrar asked us to pass along that if any groups have any changes please keep them updated. The treasurer's report was read and accepted. G.S.O. also informed our delegate that we used 31% of literature sales for income this year; that is up 6% from 2007. Area 60 will also be putting a bid to host N.E.R.F. in 2013. Also, the new video HOPE is now available for \$10 through Area 60 or G.S.O. directly.

Under new business we had a budget adjustment of \$1550.00 for two officers and three coordinators because their current budgets were exhausted. Our next Area 60 event will be on January 31; this is our first quarterly meeting.

On a final note, I would like to thank the District for allowing me to serve as your DCM this past year, and I look forward to the next one. So, for now I just want to wish everyone a *safe, happy and sober* holiday season.

*In Love and Service,  
DCM Chris G.,  
Alt. DCM Tom W.*



## **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!*

## **PI/CPC**

Hello District 23! PI/CPC has dropped literature off at 12 area motels and hotels. We have also visited St. Vincent College and Westmoreland County Community College, as well as six high schools in the area. PI/CPC has also contacted the *Pennsylvania* magazine and is waiting for a response.

PI/CPC stands for "Public Information/Cooperation with the Professional Community." The goal of PI/CPC is to carry AA's message to the still suffering alcoholic and the public.

We, especially Richard K., who is doing most of the work at this time, are working tirelessly to carry the message of Alcoholics Anonymous. Be well and peace,

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

## **GRAPEVINE**

Hello District 23! The H&I Committee is collecting used Grapevines to distribute in prisons. Throughout the month of December, Grapevine reps please make this announcement to your home groups, then give the used Grapevines that you collect to your group's H&I rep. Men and women in jails and prisons *really* appreciate receiving these old issues; sometimes the Grapevine is the only connection to AA that they have!

The AA Grapevine is our monthly meeting in print. It is a very useful tool for your sobriety and can go wherever you go. The magazine is delivered every month in a plain wrapper.

This holiday season, 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.*

### **Editor's note ...**

**The deadline for submissions to the 23 Informer is 12 pm the Sunday before each GSR meeting. Submissions received after the deadline are not guaranteed inclusion in the newsletter. Thank you for your consideration, and Happy Holidays to one and all!**

*Sally B.  
Editor, 23 Informer*

## **DECEMBER GROUP INFO AND EVENTS**

**Hope in Sobriety** The 8 pm Youngwood group Hope in Sobriety will be open on Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve. The open discussion meeting is held Thursday night at the Christ United Church at the corner of Sherwood and Lincoln Streets.

**Wednesday Night Open Discussion** will be having its Christmas Party on Wednesday, December 9. The party starts at 6:30 pm with desserts, coffee and finger foods. The regular open discussion meeting starts at 8 pm. This meeting is held at the Trinity United Church of Christ at 139 North Main Street in Greensburg.

The **Friday Night Gratitude** meeting will be open on Christmas Day and New Year's Day. The meeting is held at 7 pm at the Westmoreland Regional Hospital in Greensburg.

The **Friends of Bill W. 22nd Annual New Year's Eve Celebration**, which is sponsored by The Big Book Way to Life Group in Latrobe, is coming up on December 31. The celebration will be held at St. Vincent College from 6 to midnight and beyond.

The night features dinner, dancing, a speaker meeting, 50/30/10/10, music by DJ Gary Hay and much more. Tickets are \$20 per person with a December 25th cut-off date. For ticket information, contact:

Ed J.  
Rick M  
Sam H  
Jim V  
Bill K

The 8 pm meeting of the **Latrobe Thursday Night Big Book Study** will not be having a meeting on Thursday, Dec. 24 or Thursday, Dec. 31. This meeting is held at Trinity Lutheran Church on Weldon Street in Latrobe.

The Friday noon meeting of **Latrobe Noon** open discussion *will not* be having a meeting on Christmas Day, December 25. This meeting is held at the Church of God on Station Street. However, this meeting *will* be open on New Year's Day.

### **GROUP CHANGE**

The Latrobe Monday Just Say Yes group at noon and the Friday Latrobe Noon OBD, which are both held at the Church of God in Latrobe, have merged into one group that meets on Mondays and Fridays at noon called the **Latrobe 12 & 12 Beginners Group**. The merge came about due to both groups' desire to focus more on the needs of the newcomer. Watch for these changes which will appear on the new meeting lists when they are printed.

## IMPORTANT ADDRESSES

Home groups mailing contributions to Area 60 or the New York General Service Office (GSO) should make checks out to:

John W.  
Area 60 Treasurer  
P.O. Box 353  
Warren, PA 16365  
(Make check payable to "Area 60 Treasurer.")

General Service Office (GSO)  
P.O. Box 459  
New York, NY 10163  
(Make check payable to "AA World Services, Inc.")

## UPCOMING 2010 EVENTS

The **Latrobe Saturday Night Don't Drink Group** will hold its 13<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on January 9 at St. Vincent College. The event starts at 6 pm with fellowship, refreshments, sandwiches and cake, and will be followed by speaker Kim M. at 7 pm. Covered dishes are welcomed.

**The Third Annual Old-Timers Speaker Meeting** will be held April 10 at St. Michael's Church in Greensburg from noon until 6 pm. The event starts with a spaghetti dinner; desserts to share are welcomed. A \$2 donation for the spaghetti dinner and a \$1 donation for use of the church are appreciated. Flyers will be available soon. Thank you!

**The 13<sup>th</sup> Annual District 23 H&I Picnic** will be held August 21 at St. Vincent Grove from noon until 5:30 pm. Hamburgers and hot dogs will be on the grill. This is H&I's way of saying "thank you" for the support given throughout the year with the "Pink Can" donations. The monies collected have enabled H&I to bring the hand of AA to the various institutions in District 23. Flyers and more information will be available at the Old-Timers Speaker Meeting.

*Did you know?*  
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*The AA Grapevine was founded in 1944. The international journal is entirely supported by magazine sales, and does not receive group contributions, according to information printed on the Grapevine's Web site at [www.aagrapevine.org](http://www.aagrapevine.org). As Bill W. expressed in 1946, the magazine's purpose is to "mirror" that of AA; it is intended to carry the message of AA to the still-suffering alcoholic, and is to practice AA principles in all its affairs.*