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ALTERNATE DCM REPORT

DCM REPORT

To my fellow AA's:

Hello again. First, I would like to thank Tom W. for filling in for me at the Second Quarterly meeting. Next, I hope that all those who attended Cooks Forest had a wonderful time, because I know my batteries got recharged.

Right around the corner is our Day of Sharing. I hope that *everyone* plans to attend, unless you made other plans. It will surely be a great time for us all to be a part of.

This leads me up to the following week, and Founder's Day in Akron, Ohio, which will be held from June 12 to 14.

Finally, a question for all of us to ponder: "When does service in AA become a disservice?" For me, it is just like Bill W. stated: "I would rather do one job supremely well than many things badly." I can relate to this from my own experience: At one point in my sobriety I held three different positions.

Believe me, I love AA, but at the same time I was taking away from not only myself but also someone else who might have wanted to be of service. I did not see it that way at first, but I thank God for opening my eyes and allowing me to grow just a little bit more.

In closing, I would just like to say that we can all grow and learn from each other as long as we keep God in the center.

*In Love and Service,
DCM Chris G.*

Hello, my fellow AA's. Wow, what a couple of weeks it has been for me!

I started on spiritual journey by going to the Cooks Forest conference. Wow! Got the old batteries charged there. I left there to go to the Area meeting on Sunday. If you didn't know, there was a GSR workshop. Thirty GSR's attended, none from District 23, sorry to say.

Now to the Area meeting, which I highly suggest anyone from District 23 attend. You will get to see what is going on and meet more AA friends. Let's not forget our Day of Sharing on June 6 ... and there a lot more in the area. Check out the area Web site for where and when. (Type "western PA AA" in your search engine.)

One of the biggest things to report is that World Service in New York is struggling for cash. There is a hiring freeze and a freeze on projects and workers' wages. Remember, this is your office; it's there to help us! That is one of the reasons for this lecture!

Those are just some of the highlights of the Area meeting. If you want know more, give me a call. I must also finish about my spiritual journey: I was able to get to Dr Bob's! Wow. Those of you planning on attending Founder's Day - have fun!

A final note: On June 6, Latrobe Wednesday Noon is moving to the Tree of Life Church, located at 1005 Cedar Street in Latrobe. The church is located on the hill where Tuesday Night Latrobe meets.

*In Love and Service,
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!

GRAPEVINE

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 is striving toward its goal of informing the public of AA's commitment to helping the still-suffering alcoholic in jails, institutions and elsewhere.

Leo H. and I have made contact with doctors' offices, where we have delivered our materials.

Suggestions and/or assistance are much appreciated as we continue to serve. Thank you!

*Richard K.,
PI/CPC Rep.*

MORE INFO

Are you interested in any of the activities mentioned in this newsletter? The Day of Sharing will be held Saturday, June 6, at the Central Fellowship Church in Connellsville.

Cooks Forest is located in Cooksburg, PA. AA hosts two conventions there per year. Many have claimed to have found and enhanced their recovery at the Forest. Find more information about the Forest itself at www.cooksforest.com.

Alcoholics Anonymous World Services, Inc., is located in New York City. Their vast Web site (www.aa.org) has information for groups and members alike.

Founder's Day also has a Web site: www.foundersday.org. On it you can view past years' events, this year's meeting schedule and register.

Your home group's GSR has all the information you need to get involved. **No computer? No problem!** Your GSR can give you phone contacts as well. Don't hesitate to ask!

HOME GROUP HISTORY

Greensburg Big Book Study

Our Monday night G.B.B.S. began as the "sister" meeting to the Sunday night Greensburg 12 & 12.

Founded in July of 1984 by Mary R., Ralph D., and two women who are no longer members of AA, our G.B.B.S. group had its first meetings at Twin Lakes pavilion in Greensburg. With weather being a huge factor, our founders began meeting indoors at the Episcopal Church on Maple Avenue in Greensburg.

As more and more newcomers came to our Big Book Study, many questions were asked about the 12 steps of the program. So as not to interrupt the Big Book Study, Mary R. and Ed G. would pull aside these newcomers and basically explain something about the Steps to them.

After having seen another very specific need for recovery, Mary R. and Ed G., along with a G.B.B.S. group conscience, decided that Sunday night would become the 12 Steps and 12 Traditions meeting, which was founded 5 months later in November 1984.

With the size of the Big Book Study increasing, we outgrew our Maple Avenue place and parking became a problem. Mary R. made contact with the Trinity Church of Christ at 139 N. Main Street in Greensburg and they agreed to let us use their facilities, which is where we still meet today every Monday at 8:00 pm.

Our Greensburg Big Book Study was the first of its kind in District 23, the next closest Big Book study being in Monroeville.

God willing, in July 2009, we will be celebrating our 25th Anniversary! The Greensburg Big Book Study has been able to continue to carry the message of the Big Book of Alcoholics Anonymous to all who come through our doors.

For this, we are ever so grateful to our active home group members and the trusted servants, both past and present. We also wish to acknowledge "fellow" groups and their support to help carry the Big Book message of hope to a new way of life for all alcoholics. Just keep coming back!

With love, enthusiasm, and good cookies,

Greensburg Big Book Study