

THE 23 INFORMER

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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.

District 23 Home Group Contributions
to the Answering Service
First Quarter (Jan., Feb., Mar.) 2009

- 1 Monday Night Big Book
- 2 Scottdale New & Old Timers
- 3 Wednesday Night Open Discussion
- 4 Derry Under the Bridge
- 5 Mt Pleasant Big Book
- 6 Donegal / Acme
- 7 Greensburg 4 T'S Group
- 8 Tuesday Night Beginners Group
- 9 Lincoln Highway Group
- 10 Sunday Night 12 & 12
- 11 Friday Night Jeannette
- 12 Twin Lakes Group
- 13 Other group contributions

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!

Hello fellow AA's. We are collecting old Grapevines to be used for distribution into the community. If your group has any past issues, please collect them and give them to the H & I representative or GSR at your home group, who will make sure that the magazines are delivered to the H & I committee.

You may have noticed that the Grapevine has changed its look. While retaining its original principles, the magazine's new format reflects Bill W's desire to find "better ways of doing and thinking on new fronts," the Grapevine editors explain. The 65-year-old magazine still has the same great stories of sobriety, but has made new changes such as the elimination of staples, so that it may be taken into hospitals and institutions.

As always, a yearly subscription to the Grapevine, considered our monthly meeting in print, is only \$20. It 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 and a very useful tool for sobriety. You can see me or your home group's Grapevine representative for subscription blanks. Thank you!

*Stan K.,
Grapevine Rep.*



PI/CPC

Hello District 23!

PI/CPC is off and running. I spent some time getting acclimated to my new role and organizing materials. This work continues!

I'd like to report that we are striving toward our goal of informing the public of AA's commitment to helping the still-suffering alcoholic in jails, institutions and elsewhere.

Leo H. has agreed to assist me with PI/CPC. We have made contact with three doctors' offices, where we have delivered our materials.

Again, any suggestions and/or assistance would be much appreciated as we continue to serve. Thank you!

***Richard K.,
PI/CPC Rep.***

GROUP INFO

The Ligonier Friday Night group, which meets at 8 pm in the Heritage Methodist Church on the Diamond, will not be meeting on May 1 and 8 due to church activities.

The new group, which was formed in November, hosts a speaker every week. The last Friday of the month is "Roadkill Night," where all are welcome to attend for food and fellowship after the meeting.

The "roadkill" menu has included sloppy joes and rigatoni and is prepared by the home group members.

For more information, please contact Tom W. Come on out!

DEADLINE ANNOUNCEMENT

Due to deadline constraints, submissions for the June Informer MUST be in by Sunday, May 31. If submissions are not received on that date, the editor cannot guarantee their inclusion in the newsletter.

UPCOMING EVENTS

DAY OF SHARING

Area 60

Districts 23, 29 and 42

Saturday, June 6, 2009

8:30 AM to 3:45 PM

Central Fellowship Church

316 N. Arch St.

Connellsville, PA

Registration begins at 8:30 AM. \$5 registration fee includes lunch. There will also be a 50-30/10/10. Workshops continue until 3:15 with wrap-up at 3:45. Lunch from 11:45 to 12:45 PM.

Workshops include "Humility and Sacrifice," "Enthusiasm and Gratitude," and "Spiritual Program in Action." Area officers will be at the event. No checks allowed unless approved by the committee.

For more information, contact:

Jeff W.

Liz W.

Jim E.

Chris G.

HOME GROUP HISTORY

Sunday Serenity Group Of Alcoholics Anonymous

During the last week in January 2007 a few alcoholics thought it would be a great idea to start a Sunday morning meeting. Initially, there were four of us and we were blessed with the experience, strength and hope from hundreds of alcoholics. This helped us to formulate a simple plan. A decision was made to contact the local hospital to see if the conference rooms would be available. After discussing the purpose of A. A. and the importance of the A. A. Traditions with hospital administrators, a decision was made and we were welcomed as guests. Sunday, March 4, 2007 - 10:30 to 11:30 AM was selected as the "official" start date and time.

Prior to the first meeting, announcements were made at several meetings, the district and area newsletters. Furthermore, we were blessed with several excellent ideas. We decided the first two group conscience meetings were to be "open" in the truest sense. Both meetings were attended by 24 alcoholics and they were all provided an opportunity to share and care with us - And many did. God was certainly in charge!

During the first group conscience meeting we agreed on a name and type of meeting - Sunday Serenity and Open Discussion. Members rotated in to the following positions: Secretary, Treasurer, GSR, Alt GSR, Hospitals and Institutions Committee Representative (H&I Rep.) and The Hospital Contact person. We all understood the responsibilities and accepted the fact that change, will take place. We also decided on readings and the venue for the meeting. The "Twelve Traditions - Long Form" was adopted while reading the customary (short form) at meetings. We fully understood that the traditions are not binding over any group or groups; therefore, it seemed wise to openly adopt them with the understanding that reading them at meetings will reaffirm the adoption.

We all recognized how helpful it would be to open up lines of communication with the GSO, District 23 and Area 60 is. The group became registered in April 2007. Sunday Serenity Group became listed on the district's meeting list.

At the second group conscience meeting we took care of business regarding Prudent Reserve, obtaining literature, donations to the hospital for room and coffee, and a few loose ends. Since literature is the primary way to carry the message; especially to the still suffering alcoholic, we were able to obtain some literature.

Since March, attendance has varied from 14 to 24. Our GSR and H&I Rep regularly attend monthly meetings to carry the message and bring back the latest news. We also receive regular mailings from the region and GSO. During the summer, the Group Conscience accepted responsibility to carry the message to a local treatment center.

Guests are greeted with a "little" welcome message on the literature table that includes an introduction to the Grapevine. Many visitors have commented that "it's great to start the week off with a meeting and to enjoy the fellowship". Although we are in a hospital and have limited use of the facility, we will plan "something" for our anniversary.

Thank you and Take Care - One Day At A Time

