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COMMITTEE REPORTS

DCM REPORT

To my fellow AA's:

Hope all is well. First of all, I hope those of you who attended the Laurel Highlands Conference had a wonderful time. Just some brief notes from the Fall Assembly: First, I would like to thank Tom W., Randy H., Diana G., and Andy J. for attending. Next, the financial guidelines for Area 60 were presented and approved with no opposition. Then, keeping with GSO's action which added Special Needs Accessibilities to the Treatment Facilities Committee Area 60 added this to the Fall Assembly; and after some discussion this too passed with seven in opposition. I was one of them because we were not given enough time to make an informed group conscience decision and take this back to our districts.

Finally, the last thing on the agenda was whether we (Area 60) wanted to propose to the 2010 General Service Conference an agenda item to be sent to GSO regarding the unnecessary annual reprinting of the Service Manual. This also was passed with some discussion. Believe it or not, after all the discussion we still made it out of there with time to spare.

Now, this month I would like to talk about the Third Tradition, which states that, "The only requirement for AA membership is a desire to stop drinking." This tradition states that you are an AA member the minute you declare yourself, regardless of race, creed, religious background, or even criminal history. Here's a "Question to Ponder": How do you use this tradition in your life? Again, I can only answer for myself. I try to the best of my ability not to exclude anyone and I try not to judge anybody before I have given them a chance to allow me to get to know

them, because my past isn't the greatest either and others afforded me that opportunity. In short, I try to the best of my ability not to have "contempt prior to investigation," but in all honesty I do fall short sometimes too.

One more thing then I'll shut up: The next Area 60 Event is the Fourth Quarterly on November 15 at 8:30 am in the Comfort Inn off of Rodi Road in Penn Hills, and the Workshop at 9 am will be on Corrections. *Please plan to attend!*

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

PI/CPC

Hello District 23! PI/CPC is continuing its work of carrying the message to the still suffering alcoholic. We are continuing to distribute literature to schools and doctors' offices, as well as rehabs and other programs that work twelve-step programs.

As we mentioned before, the Greensburg *Tribune Review* will print information pertaining to Alcoholics Anonymous every two months in the Health section, listing all of the towns where AA meetings are held (no dates or times), District 23's Web site address and the District 23 phone number. Also, the Laurel Highland's magazine has agreed to publish AA's 800 number in its publication.

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

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!

The following is a list of District 23 home groups that have made contributions to the answering service in the 3rd quarter of 2009 (July, August, September):

AS BILL SEES IT
DONEGAL/ACME
FRIDAY NIGHT JEANNETTE
GREENSBURG 4T'S GROUP
HOPE IN SOBRIETY
IRWIN BACK TO BASICS
LIGONIER WEDNESDAY NIGHT
LINCOLN HIGHWAY GROUP
MONDAY NIGHT BIG BOOK
MT. PLEASANT BIG BOOK
SUNDAY NIGHT 12 & 12
SUNDAY SERENITY GROUP
TUESDAY NIGHT BEGINNERS GROUP
WEDNESDAY NIGHT OPEN DISCUSSION
WOMEN LIVING JUST FOR TODAY

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.*

GROUP INFO

The 8 pm Latrobe Thursday Night Big Book Study will not be held on November 26 for Thanksgiving. November is Gratitude Month: Remember to pass the Gratitude Can if your group has one! "When brimming with gratitude, one's heartbeat must surely result in outgoing love, the finest emotion that we can ever know" (*As Bill Sees It*, p. 37).



UPCOMING EVENTS

**Friends of Bill W.
22nd Annual
New Year's Eve Celebration
Year 2009**

*SPONSORED BY THE BIG BOOK WAY TO
LIFE GROUP, LATROBE, PA*

Location:

St. Vincent College, Latrobe

Cost of Tickets:

\$20.00 per person

December 25th cut-off date
for ticket sales

Table reservations will be taken.

Tickets and Information:

Ed J. (724) 459-5461
Rick M. (724) 516-0878
Sam H. (724) 463-7455
Jim V. (724) 837-9483
Bill K. (814) 442-1425

Program:

6:00 - 7:00 Coffee & Appetizers
7:00 - 8:00 Dinner
8:30 - 9:30 Jeff B. & Teresa R.
9:30 - 1:00 am Dancing
11:30 50/30/10/10
Midnight Celebration

Menu:

Tossed Salad/Dressing
Cod Romano
Hand Carved Whole Pork Loin
Basmati Rice Pilaf
Roasted Red Potatoes
Seasonal Roasted Vegetables
Mini Angel Food Cake with Orange
Sauce and Fresh Berries

Music:
DJ GARY HAY

**Cookies & Dessert Snacks
Are Always Welcome**

Handicapped Accessible

Our New Year's Dance is self supporting.
No group monies are used
to pay for this event. The cost is paid
through ticket sales and 50/50 tickets.

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.")