

# THE 23 INFORMER

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# **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

## **DCM REPORT**

**To my fellow AA's:**

Hope all is well and that everyone had a wonderful holiday season. First of all, I would like to thank Lisa P., Barry G., Todd V., and Randy H. for attending the first quarterly meeting. Also, I would like to thank all of the GSR's for their quick responses to whether we would like to host the Hospitality Room at the G.A.W. this year. I was able to go to the meeting on January 17 and let Area 60 know that we would host this event. My hats are off to all of you for an outstanding job!

Now some highlights from the quarterly meeting: The Grapevine Coordinator explained that subscriptions were down 40% from last year and reminded everyone that this is much more than a magazine; it is also a tool for recovery.

The Delegate also informed us all that PA will be having a hospitality suite at the International Convention in Texas and they are asking for donations of any kind, whether it be monetary or something like water, candy, etc.

The Treasurer also presented the end of the year and the beginning of the year reports; both were read and accepted with a revision at the next Area meeting.

There are also two new DVD's available now which are DV-10 (young peoples' video) and DV-09 (HOPE).

Next, Area 60 will be putting in a bid for N.E.R.F. in 2013. We also approved \$500 for the Hospitality Room at the International.

Finally, our D.O.S. bid for June 19, 2010 was approved. This will be held at the All Saints Citizens Hall in Masontown in conjunction with Districts 29 and 42. There will be more information and a flyer to come soon.

One more thing, then I will shut up: Please keep Bob O.'s family in your prayers -- he will surely be missed.

*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.

Congratulations to Jim V., who was elected the new chairman of the District 23 Answering Service Committee. Please see the front of the newsletter for Jim's contact information.

The following is a list of District 23 home groups that made contributions to the Answering Service in the 4th Quarter of 2009 (Oct., Nov., and Dec.):

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AS BILL SEES IT  
DONEGAL/ACME  
FRIDAY NIGHT JEANNETTE  
GREENSBURG 4T'S GROUP  
MONDAY NIGHT BIG BOOK  
SUNDAY SERENITY GROUP  
WEDNESDAY NIGHT OPEN      DISCUSSION  
THURSDAY NIGHT SCOTTDALÉ

*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! \*\*\* See page 4 for the A/S Yearly Comparison of Calls Received.*

## **GRAPEVINE**

The AA Grapevine, our monthly meeting in print, is a very useful tool for your sobriety and can go wherever you go. A yearly subscription is only \$20, and 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. 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 continues its work of informing the public of AA's commitment to helping the still-suffering alcoholic in jails, institutions and elsewhere. We are carrying the message by dropping off literature at doctors' offices and elsewhere. Peace!

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

## **EVENTS**

**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! *(Continued next page)*

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.

## **PA STATE CONVENTION**

The 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Pennsylvania State Convention will be held July 30<sup>th</sup> through August 1<sup>st</sup> 2010 at the Hotel Carlisle and Embers Convention Center, 1700 Harrisburg Pike, Carlisle, PA. Registration is \$20 per person, and a Weekend Package is \$55. This includes registration, a Saturday banquet and Sunday brunch. Registration after July 15<sup>th</sup> is \$25 and \$60 for the banquet.

Checks may be made payable to PA State Convention and mailed to 1622 Crawford Avenue, Altoona, PA, 16602. Hotel Carlisle reservations are \$88.97 per night. Call Hotel Direct (800) 692-7315 for reservations. More information may be found on the Web at [www.aapastateconvention.com](http://www.aapastateconvention.com), or by calling Bob H. at .

### **IMPORTANT ADDRESSES**

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

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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.")

## “SLOGANZ”

“Easy Does It,” “Let Go and Let God.” Of what use are slogans? Perhaps a quick and easy way to access your Higher Power in a time of need! Here are some reflections on serenity heard around the rooms, and some new ones!

### Serenity

- *Respect the anonymity of others*
- *Try to replace guilt with gratitude*
- *Let go of old ideas*
- *Change is a process, not an event*
- *Take what you can use and leave the rest*
- *The price for serenity and sanity is self-sacrifice*
- *You can't give away what you don't have*
- *There are 12 steps in the ladder of complete sobriety*

*(Serenity “Sloganz” are courtesy of [www.addictionz.com](http://www.addictionz.com).)*



### District 23 Answering Service Yearly Comparison of Calls Received

YEAR	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	TOTAL	%CHG.
2007	105	115	115	105	100	135	0	133	101	88	59	73	1129	
2008	130	139	96	105	123	113	104	116	121	79	92	95	1313	16.3%
2009	124	106	105	113	119	117	97	102	87	100	126	125	1321	0.6%