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Happy New Year, District 23! I hope everyone had a very merry Christmas and rang in the new year soberly and with gratitude for being able to do that. I have quite a few ideas for workshops and furthering your knowledge of the 12 Traditions and 12 Concepts of World Service. My hope for District 23 this year is a renewed enthusiasm for and more participation in AA general service. Attendance at Area meetings and functions was quite low in 2011. We need to improve! This is part of your responsibility as a GSR. Please be accountable to fulfill ALL duties pertaining to your service position. I assure you it will enhance your experience in AA service and your sobriety.

As for our coordinators, you would benefit from attending these meetings as well. Area coordinators are always set up at quarterly meetings and assemblies and are happy to answer questions, provide information and give you fresh ideas for displays and presentations.

The first quarterly meeting takes place on Sunday, January 29, 2012. Registration opens at 8:30 a.m., followed by a workshop at 9. The meeting itself begins at 10:15. There will be some hot topics discussed and your voice counts, so please plan to come.

In closing, I'd like to leave you with what Bill and Bob heard from the first group conscience of all Alcoholics Anonymous at the first General Service Conference:

"To serve is to live. We gladly accept our Third Legacy and may we guard it well and use it wisely. God grant that the Legacy of Service remain ever in our safe keeping."

That was in April of 1951. I hope that statement rings true today and always in District 23. Thank you and God bless.

*In Love, Service and Gratitude,
DCM Diana G.*



Here we go into a new year, full of new challenges, blessings and opportunities. I hope that you are feeling optimistic about all of these.

There are many chances to be of service all around us. If you are a GSR, please don't forget that the Area 60 first quarterly meeting is coming up this month on January 29. I hope to see many of you there. As always, if you want to go but have transportation problems, let one of us know and we will be happy to help you get there.

I wish you all many blessings and many opportunities to express your gratitude in the coming year.

*AA Hugs,
Alt. DCM Lisa V.*

H&I

I hope everyone is trudging the road of Happy Destiny in their sobriety and carrying the message to the still suffering alcoholic through service work.

I hope everyone had a safe and sober New Years Eve. H and I has some very good news that will be able to help the still suffering alcoholic this upcoming new year, which is a new meeting for service opportunities in District 23. The new meeting is Behavioral Health Services across the street from Westmorland Hospital. The meeting will be on Wednesday at 8pm to 9 p.m. it will be a speaker meeting. We are in need of 4 coordinators for this facility. The coordinator would be responsible for taking in a chairperson and a speaker each week to carry the message of Alcoholics Anonymous. If interested please attend our H & I meeting on Saturday January 14th. Those interested in chairing or speaking for the BHS facility please fill out one of our "opportunities in service" forms and give to an H & I member. May we continue the New Year Sober by carrying that 12 step message wherever we go and continuing to seek God's guidance in all that we do. Happy New Year and GOD BLESS.

H & I is in need of help. We need AA members willing to serve as coordinators for some of our facilities; we also need 1 time speakers and home groups to take meetings into facilities and help us carry that 12 step message.

The facilities which are in need of coordinators are the Torrance State Hospital Monday meeting and the Westmoreland County Prison Friday meeting from 6 to 8pm.

The facilities which need a one-time speaker or a home group to carry the message are Gateway in Greensburg, Torrance, Westmoreland County Prison (men and women) and the Juvenile Detention Center.

*Love and Service,
Randy H.
H and I Committee Chair*

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 Leo H. 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.

PI/CPC

Happy New Year to all. I hope the holidays were filled with joy and happiness. We continue to drop literature at professional offices as well as any schools and any facility that requests it. We still have 5x7 placards ability to give to your family doctor, we always need help in District 23 to carry the message. Recovery is a wonderful gift; be proactive when the opportunity presents

itself. If Richard or I can help you, please let us know.

*Peace,
Leo H.
PI/CPC Rep.*

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 \$28.97, and it is delivered every month in a plain wrapper. The Grapevine is a perfect gift for sponsees and friends in the program. Also, the Grapevine has an online subscription and archives available from their website, aagrapevine.org.

*Ed S.
Grapevine Rep.*

ARCHIVES

Hello, District 23. I want to remind all home groups in our districts that I am available to bring our archives display to anniversary celebrations if asked. There are a lot of interesting historical items on our district's collection.

Our newest addition is a portable DVD player that belongs to the Archives Committee. It is a very useful tool and I am grateful for the opportunity to acquire it.



SPECIAL MEETING

The **Friends of Bill W. Polar Bear Club Group** held its 14th annual meeting on January 1 at an undisclosed location along the banks of the Allegheny River.

For the incredible 14th year in a row, no one showed up. "Oh well, there's always next year..." said Chairperson John Q.

"I'm going to keep coming back!"



IMPORTANT ADDRESSES

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

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P.O. Box 392
McKees Rocks, PA 15136
(Make check payable to "Area 60 Treasurer.")

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P.O. Box 459
New York, NY 10163
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AS BILL Sees It...

AND WE HAVE CEASED FIGHTING ANYTHING OR ANYONE — EVEN ALCOHOL. FOR BY THIS TIME SANITY WILL HAVE RETURNED. WE WILL SELDOM BE INTERESTED IN LIQUOR. IF TEMPTED, WE RECOIL FROM IT AS FROM A HOT

FLAME. WE REACT SANELY AND NORMALLY, AND WE WILL FIND THAT THIS HAS HAPPENED AUTOMATICALLY. WE WILL SEE THAT OUR NEW ATTITUDE TOWARD ALCOHOL HAS BEEN GIVEN US WITHOUT ANY THOUGHT OR EFFORT ON OUR PART. IT JUST COMES! THAT IS THE MIRACLE OF IT. WE ARE NOT FIGHTING IT, NEITHER ARE WE AVOIDING TEMPTATION. WE FEEL AS IF WE HAD BEEN PLACED IN A POSITION OF NEUTRALITY — SAFE AND PROTECTED. WE HAVE NOT EVEN SWORN OFF. INSTEAD, THE PROBLEM HAS BEEN REMOVED. IT DOES NOT EXIST FOR US. WE ARE NEITHER COCKY NOR ARE WE AFRAID. THAT IS OUR EXPERIENCE. THAT IS HOW WE REACT AS LONG AS WE KEEP IN FIT SPIRITUAL CONDITION.

-Alcoholics Anonymous, pg. 84-85

