## THE 23 INFORMER

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#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

#### **DCM REPORT**

Greetings, District 23. I hope you all had a happy and sober Holiday season. We have a new year with a new host of trusted servants, and I look forward to getting to know and work alongside all of you.

I want to sincerely thank all of our outgoing officers and coordinators for their service, and wish them much happiness and success in their future commitments. Keep up the good work; AA needs you!

In the coming months there are several Area 60 activities and conferences. Sunday, January 27<sup>th</sup> is our first quarterly meeting at the Comfort Inn on Rodi Road in Penn Hills. The meeting itself begins at 10:15, but there is a GSR and DCM workshop at 9 am. Please try to attend if you possibly can, especially the meeting.

Coming up on February 22-24 is NERAASA, the North East Regional AA Service Assembly. This will be the third time I will be attending, and I am very excited. I have found this conference to be very educational and a lot of fun to boot! It has been instrumental in giving me the desire and confidence to continue in general service.

NERAASA is being held in Lancaster, PA this year, which is the closest it has been to our area in a long time. I highly recommend that anyone who is able to attend, please do. You won't be sorry. Even if you just drive out for the day on Saturday, it is well worth it

The Area 60 GSR Getaway weekend is also coming up on April 1-3, ending with the Pre-Conference Assembly on April 3. I will talk more about that next month. Flyers are circulating. I urge you to attend that if possible also.

I wish everyone a sober and God-centered year. Keep coming back!

In Love & Service, DCM Lisa V.

#### **ALT. DCM REPORT**

Happy New Year to all in District 23! As I reflect on last year, I would like to thank all of you for entrusting me to be your District 23 Secretary for 2012, and again electing me as your trusted servant to represent you as the Alternate District 23 Committee Member for 2013. As this year stretches ahead of me, I look forward to growing in your service and learning new things about Alcoholics Anonymous. Our next Area Meeting is on January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2013 and I hope as many GSR's as possible will attend. Always feel free to contact me with your thoughts, ideas, questions or comments. I wish you all a Joyous and Prosperous New Year!

In Service, Margie S.

#### H&I

Greetings, fellow travelers. I hope all of you had a safe and sober Holiday season. Now that we have the whole 'world ending' thing behind us, let us continue to carry the message to the still suffering alcoholic through service work.

While the H&I elections are a distant memory, we still have some open positions available. Positions still needing to be filled are: pink can treasurer, alternate pink can treasurer, alternate treasurer and alternate chair. All positions are a 2-year commitment. If you are interested, please come to our next meeting January 12<sup>th</sup>.

Speaking of the pink can, because of your generosity, H&I was able to distribute just over \$10,000 worth of AA literature to the still suffering alcoholics in the jails, prisons and hospitals of our district. That being said, the new year brings with it new opportunities. Please continue to donate conference approved literature to our literature drive. Our Opportunities in Service forms are always available; please volunteer to carry the message into all of our facilities. Without you, we would not be able to provide literature to carry that message of hope. We are truly grateful and

may we continue to work together to help save those alcoholics who still suffer and can't get to a meeting without our help.

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

#### Coordinators are needed for:

- \*\*Torrance State Hospital, Monday meeting
- \*\*Westmoreland Co. Prison Friday meeting Speakers or Home Groups are needed for:
- \*\*Gateway Greensburg
- \*\*Torrance
- \*\*Westmoreland Co. Prison (men & women)
- \*\*BHS
- \*\*Juvenile Detention Center

If you are interested in serving, ask your SPONSOR, then contact the chair or coordinator of that facility.

#### Ron Y.

H&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.

#### **Anniversaries**



The **Greensburg Tuesday Night Group** will be holding their 65<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on Tuesday, Jan. 29<sup>th</sup>. Coffee will be ready at 6:00, dinner at 7:00, and a speaker meeting will follow at 8. All are welcome, as are covered dishes. Bring a friend and a newcomer and join us!



# Happy New Year!!

#### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, January 27	1st Quarterly Meeting 8:30 AM Registration 9 AM Workshop 10:15 Area Assembly
Feb. 22-24, 2013	<b>NERAASA</b> Harrisburg, PA
Mar. 15-17, 2013	Area 60 GAW/Mini Conference
Sunday, Mar. 17	Pre-Conference Assembly 8:30 AM Registration 9 AM Workshop 10:15 Area Assembly

#### **IMPORTANT ADDRESSES**

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

Area 60 Treasurer P.O. Box 152 Conway, PA 15027 (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.")

# January 4, 2013 Grapevine Quote of the Day

"The road to spiritual and emotional recovery... has taken diverse routes - lots of meetings, readings, talks with AA members, discussion groups, psychotherapy, and the beginning of sharing. The keys seemed to be listening and sharing - the spirit at work."

Cleveland, Ohio, April 1991 From: "A Candle of Hope" Spiritual Awakenings

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"Now is a good time for a word from my sponsor." -Pat R., Satanta, Kan. (August 2012 Grapevine Caption Winner)