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COMMITTEE REPORTS

DCM REPORT

Happy New Year District 23 AA's!

First, I would like to thank you all for allowing me to serve for the next two years as your DCM (District Committee Member). In Dr. Bob's words "It is my honor and my privilege." Please feel free to contact me whenever you have questions, comments or other District 23 or Area 60 business, (or if you just need to talk, one alcoholic to another). If I don't have an answer for you in regard to service questions, I will find out for you.

Secondly, I attended the Area 60 Meeting on Sunday, December 7, 2014, at the Comfort Inn in Penn Hills and there were several things presented for GSR's (General Service Representatives) and Home Groups that I have bulleted below for you.

- The new Area 60 Treasurer's address is AREA 60 Treasurer, POI Box 266, Monroeville, PA 15146. (Please check the Area 60 website for the names of all the new officers @ www.wpaarea60.org/ [aarea60HYPERLINK "http://www.wpaarea60.org/"](http://www.wpaarea60.org/) .org
- Our Area 60 Past Delegate (to the Alcoholics Anonymous World Service Conference) from Panel 61, Jean M.'s name has been submitted for consideration as a Type B Trustee to A.A.W.S (Alcoholics Anonymous World Services/G.S.O) with Area 60 support. Jean does have the qualifications that this important position requires.
- The Northeast Regional Alcoholics Anonymous Service Assembly will be in February in New Jersey.
- G.S.O. reported that the Corrections Desk received 4,870 letters, and 2,742 emails through the third quarter of 2014. During the first nine months of the year they linked 651 male alcoholics and 237 female alcoholics in prison for a total of 888 through the Corrections Correspondence Service.
- Literature sales up 15% for the first nine months of the year. Speculation is that the increase in sales is directly linked to the fact that the Big Book is going up in price.

I hope to get out and visit each of the home groups in our District over the next 2 years. Also, if you would like me to attend your group conscience to address questions or concerns about District 23, I would be more than happy to do that.

Lastly, we will be continuing our district's tradition of GSR workshops at 6:00 PM every other month, with the first one in January. On the off months, I will be at the meeting place by 6:00 PM for informal GSR and coordinator roundtables. All members are welcome to come and learn about the business of AA and District 23.

In love and Service,

Margie S.
DCM



COMMITTEE REPORTS CONT'D....

ALT. DCM REPORT

Greetings one and all ... Welcome to a new day a new year of fellowship and the rotation of our "trusted servants". Much gratitude and appreciation to all those who have served before me. Through your strength and experience I have learned invaluable lessons. Thank you all so very much for paving the way for District 23's success and continued growth.

I am a grateful recovering alcoholic named Leslie. Thank you for allowing me the honor and the privilege to serve as your new alternate DCM. I look forward to having the opportunity to hear your voices, hear your thoughts, to see this amazing program in action through each one of you (the fellowship).

Recently I had the opportunity to go to the Area 60 Quarterly Meeting. What an amazing experience!! So much love and gratitude was shared as the Area officers rotated as we have done. Many, many service opportunities available fit just for your experience, strength, hope, time, love for AA and the fellowship could be used. Come and introduce your self to me, together we shall find the right fit for you.

Blessed new day, new year to you and yours.
Leslie
Alt. DCM

H & I REPORT

Happy Holidays,

I would like to say thanks to all of the committee and volunteers for their service work the past two years. Last year, again we reached our goal and made well over \$10,000. Thanks to everyone's efforts, we were able to achieve these numbers.

The following is the 2015-2016 committee for H & I:

- Chairperson: Bernie S
- Alt. : Kim R.
- Pink Can Treasurer: Leslie E.
- Alt. : Lisa L.
- Treasurer: Dan D.
- Alt. Rob
- Sec: Pam H.
- Alt: Katie S.
- Event Coordinator: Ron Y.
- Alt: Deb H.

Please contact myself or any of these members if you are willing to volunteer your time at any of the facilities that we take in meetings.

Bernie S.
H & I Chairperson

PI/CPC REPORT

Hello, District 23! As Alternate PI/CPC chair, I wanted to give you an update on what we are doing. We are hoping to resume meeting periodically and add more people to our ranks. It would be great to have someone who lives in the western part of our district – Irwin, North Huntingdon – to help with distributing literature in that area. All that is needed is a little sobriety time (preferably at least one year), and a little time during business hours. If you are interested or have questions, please feel free to call me or John H.

A new year means a new adventure in service for me! I look forward to this opportunity, and hope you will help me and bear with me as I learn. Very best wishes to you all in the coming year.

Lisa V.
PI/CPC Committee

SAVE THE DATES



21ST LIGONIER MIDWINTER SPIRITUAL ROUNDUP

FEBRUARY 13, 14, & 15

THE WEEKEND IS LOCATED AT
ANTIOCHIAN VILLAGE ON ROUTE 711 SEVEN
MILES NORTH OF
THE LIGONIER DIAMOND.

FIRST CLASS LODGING, FOUR MEALS, AND
REGISTRATION IS A PART OF
THE WEEKEND PACKAGE.

- * SINGLE OCCUPANCY \$229.00
- * DOUBLE OCCUPANCY \$159.00 EACH
- * TRIPLE OCCUPANCY \$134.00 EACH
- * COMMUTERS DESIRING MEALS /
REGISTRATION BUT NO LODGING \$95.00
- * SATURDAY ONLY- MEALS & REGISTRATION \$55.00

SATURDAY AFTER-NOON/ EVENING DINNER
AND REGISTRATION \$30.00
DROP-IN REGISTRATION \$5 A MEETING
WITHOUT MEALS

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Greensburg Tuesday Night Beginners Meeting 57th Anniversary

Tuesday January 27th

First Presbyterian Church
300 South Main Street, Greensburg

6:00pm COFFEE & FELLOWSHIP

6:30PM DINNER

7:30PM SPEAKER

BRING a friend

BRING a sponsee

BRING a newcomer

COVERED DISHES WELCOME





YOUR PAGE.....

send in inspirational or informational stories to share.....anonymously if you wish....

CONCEPT I HISTORY AND CARRYING THE MESSAGE

Thirty-five years ago in Akron, OH, one drunk shared his story with another, and Alcoholics Anonymous was born. Bill W. and Dr. Bob S. began carrying the message to other alcoholics that even though you were an alcoholic, your life could be different, you didn't have to keep drinking, that by sharing your own message of experience strength and hope with other alcoholics other lives could and would be saved, and anyone that was able to follow 12 simple steps could put their disease in remission and live a giving and productive life.

In 1938, Bill formed the Alcoholic Foundation, which later became the General Service Board. The purpose of the Alcoholic Foundation was to provide uniform literature, to assist groups, and to provide information to those seeking help. However, both Bill and Dr. Bob were still the sole source of leadership for Alcoholics Anonymous especially where policy was concerned. (The Twelve Concepts for World Service Illustrated, Concept I.)

Sadly, in 1945 Dr. Bob was diagnosed with cancer and it became clear to him and Bill that they could not bear the sole responsibility for AA alone. Over the next five years, until Dr. Bob's death in November of 1950, there was much discussion amongst Bill, Dr. Bob and the Alcohol Foundation trustees. After Dr. Bob's death that discussion continued as Bill realized that he could not be solely responsible for AA, and to continue to do so would be a disservice to the fellowship. Many of the older members and many of the trustees did not see the necessity for any change

However, it was finally agreed that something must be done, and in 1955, at the World Service Conference in St. Louis, MO, Bill gave the responsibility of Alcoholics Anonymous to the groups. This meant that Alcoholic Anonymous became the collective responsibility of all the groups, and it still remains that way today.

So, the burning question for many alcoholics, who often times feel that the General Service Conference has little bearing on their day-to-day sobriety is, "What does this mean to me?" What it means to me personally, as an alcoholic, is that I have a responsibility to my home group to attend each group conscience, to my district to attend District Meetings if I am a General Service Representative for my group, or if I need educated on issues, and to stay informed on decisions made at the Area level and at the General Service Office. It also means, that I must first and foremost always consider what is best for Alcoholics Anonymous as a whole, not what is best for me or even my home group or district.

But what it all really comes down to is this: Recently, I was at a meeting where a newcomer went forward to get a 24 hour coin. She was extremely nervous, and Fred S. moved forward to meet her halfway. He presented her the coin, and she said her name, and that she was an alcoholic. Afterward, Fred said, "This is all about one alcoholic talking to another one. Every single one of us in this room had a first meeting." The General Service Conference and all the work that all of our trusted servants do ensures that one shining moment when a newcomer comes forward and is able, because of Bill and Bob's legacy, to "keep coming back," as we carry the message of Alcoholics Anonymous to those who still suffer.

Margie S.

DCM

District 23, Area 60

**STEP ONE:
WE ADMITTED WE WERE
POWERLESS OVER ALCOHOL —
THAT OUR LIVES HAD BECOME
UNMANAGEABLE**



NEWS AND OTHER INFORMATION

IMPORTANT ADDRESSES

For Home groups mailing contributions:

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.")

District 23 Answering Svc

PO Box 1698

Greensburg, PA 15601

Please make checks payable to Answering Svc and put your group name on check

TO ALL HOME GROUPS:

If you wish to see your group's anniversary or other special event listed, please submit to the Editor no later than the first Monday of the month to have it appear in that month's Informer. My contact info is on the front of the newsletter.

(editor@aa-swestpa-dist23.org)

Also, if your group has any changes, please contact the Editor, and it will be listed in the Informer.

A HAPPY
NEW YEAR

A NOTE FROM THE EDITOR:

Hello~ District 23 AA Friends,

I am your new editor for the 23 Informer. My name is Monica C. and my Home Group is the Thursday Noon Group in Greensburg, at St. Bruno's. I am truly grateful and SUPER excited for this opportunity to do service work. Also, ***Thank you Colleen Z. for all of your time and dedication that you put into the Informer the past several years.***

Please feel free to contact me if you would like any information in the 23 Informer. My contact information is on the front of the newsletter.

God Bless....

Happy New Year!! XOXO

A New Life

Is sobriety all that we are to expect of a spiritual awakening?

No, Sobriety is only a bare beginning; it is only the first gift of the first awakening. If more gifts are to be received, our awakening has to go on. As it does go on, we find that bit by bit we can

Discard the old life -- the one that did not work -- for a new life that can and does work under any conditions whatever.

Regardless of worldly success or failure, regardless of pain or joy,

regardless of sickness or health or even of death itself, a new life

of endless possibilities can be lived if we are willing to continue

our awakening, through the practice of A.A.'s Twelve Steps.

GRAPEVINE, DECEMBER 1957

